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HITLER'S EFFORT COMING

That Berlin was determined to finish the war in the summer of 1940, was confirmed yesterday by a Belgian author.

HE SAID THAT SENOR SUNER, THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHEN IN FRANCE, TOLD HIM ENGLAND HAD A RESPIRE AT MOST FOR EIGHT DAYS.

They were assured from Germany that American help was small and would never get past the U-boats.

At the same time the President of the United States was attacked for prolonging the war.

How, then, can American help, which shall never reach England, prolong the war? — Reuter.

Untrained Youths Mown Down By Greeks

NEW GERMAN THREAT TO YUGOSLAVIA

It is reported that a new German Note to Yugoslavia demands active assistance for the Axis if Yugoslavia wants a place reserved for her in the new order in Europe. — Reuter.

ITALIAN BLACKSHIRT youth, whom Mussolini used to glorify with his Fascist hymn "Giovanezza," have been flung without proper training into the fighting in central Albania and mercilessly mown down.

A Greek major stated in Athens yesterday that the sight of these youths, being led to such butchery, revolted him.

The youths, who recently arrived at the front, showed their lack of training by the way they ran into the cross-fire of machine-guns, only to be decimated.

One hollow, 60 feet deep and 1,500 feet wide, was covered with their bodies.

Fighting in the central sector in Albania continues to be marked by suicidal Italian counter-attacks and the capture of large batches of war-weary prisoners.

Wiped Out

Italian Blackshirt battalions, counter-attacking to regain vital lost heights, found themselves between murderous Greek fire and their own artillery barrage. Unable to retreat they were wiped out.

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GREEKS WILL RESIST

THE NEWLY-APPOINTED ACTING GOVERNOR OF THRACE, M. KOTZIAS, HITHERTO GOVERNOR OF ATHENS, HAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT CAVALLA, A SEAPORT HALF WAY BETWEEN SALONIKA AND THE TURKISH FRONTIER, ON A NARROW STRIP OF TERRITORY BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY BULGARIA AND ON THE EAST BY TURKEY.

A significant order to the local authorities marked his arrival.

He enjoined them to do their duty to their country and re-

JAMAICAN UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

A new Constitution for Jamaica, based on universal suffrage, was announced by the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. George Hall, in the House of Commons yesterday.

THE PRELIMINARY STAGES WILL BE A CENSUS AND REORGANISATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND IN THE MEANTIME OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE CONFINED TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, TREASURER AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The resulting vacancies will be filled by nomination in which care will be taken to ensure that all important sections and interests of the community are adequately represented. — Reuter.

THAILAND AND MOSCOW

The Thailand Minister to Moscow called on M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, yesterday and exchanged Notes establishing diplomatic relations between Thailand and the Soviet.

M. Molotov later gave a luncheon in honour of the Thailand Minister. — Reuter.

affirmed the Government's resolve to resist aggression. — Reuter.

R.A.F. DAYLIGHT RAID ON DUTCH OIL PLANT

A DAYLIGHT RAID on occupied Holland on Tuesday by R.A.F. bombers is announced by the Air Ministry.

Single aircraft bombed an oil storage plant at Rotterdam and a factory near Utrecht. Details of the weight of the R.A.F. attack are expected later.

Meanwhile, the German air force, after concentrating most of its attack on Monday night on the Portsmouth area, losing altogether seven aircraft, sent a stream of planes over the South Coast on Tuesday night on scattered targets.

One Heinkel bomber so far is confirmed to have been shot down off the east coast of Scotland.

Three members of the crew were rescued from a rubber dinghy after the plane sank.

Midlands Visitations

Small groups of German planes operated over a wide area in the west Midlands according to Nazi sources they attacked Birmingham but no serious incidents occurred anywhere.

Fire watching parties dealt ably with hundreds of incendiaries and oil bombs scattered over a wide area.

There was a number of casualties from high explosive bombs, mainly in one town.

A BRITISH FIGHTER DESTROYED AN ENEMY PLANE ON AN AERODROME IN NORTHERN FRANCE ON TUESDAY NIGHT AND ANOTHER ENEMY PLANE WAS DESTROYED BY R.A.F. COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ON PATROL IN DAYLIGHT ON TUESDAY.

No R.A.F. planes are missing from operations on Tuesday or Tuesday night. — Reuter.

MATSUOKA LEAVES FOR BERLIN

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, left Tokyo last night for Berlin and Rome for talks with Hitler and Mussolini.

Accompanied by a staff of 11, he was seen off by the Ministers

Soviet View On Far East

The Pacific situation remains tense despite the settlement of the Thai-Indo-China dispute, comments the Soviet Army organ "Red Star" in Moscow yesterday.

"After the new frontier between Thailand and Indo-China is traced, the influence of Japan in this part of the Pacific will be increased," the paper writes.

Therefore, though the conflict between Thailand and Indo-China is solved for the present, the situation in the region of the South Seas—where there is a concentration of Japanese warships with corresponding British and American measures—remains tense. — Reuter.

of War and Navy, other Cabinet Ministers, the Army Chief of Staff, Italian, German and Rumanian diplomats and a number of German and Italian officers.

Hundreds of people thronged the station cheering as the train left. — Reuter.



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BULGARIAN TREACHERY

Allied Diplomats Of Small States Humiliated

Istanbul Bombs Planted In Sofia

NO COMMENT IS available in official quarters in London on the bomb outrage at Istanbul in which Mr. George Rendel, British Minister to Bulgaria, was nearly a victim, as details have not yet been received.

News has been received, however, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, of the humiliating and cynical treatment of the Polish, Belgian and Dutch representatives by the Bulgarian authorities.

WAR AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR WHO MAY SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN THE PRESENT WAR, WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT.

It has been decided to accept the general principle that wherever possible preference will be given a man with war service to his credit, and the rules prescribing that educational qualifications for a particular service or posts shall be subject to proper safeguards will be relaxed so as to permit the recruitment of men who are prevented by their service in the armed forces from acquiring these qualifications.—Reuter.

APOLOGISE, VICAR TOLD

Swaffham Rural District Council, Norfolk, is indignant with the Vicar of Spoorle, the Rev. T. D. Rees, one of its members, who alleged at a recent meeting that not a single large house in his parish had taken evacuees.

He protested that the parish billeting officer, who lived in one of the biggest houses had not accommodated anyone.

The Council have now demanded that Mr. Rees shall attend the next meeting to substantiate his allegation or apologise, and the parish billeting officer Mrs. Constance Beattie, is to be there.

Mrs. Beattie has written to the Council saying:

"I agree there was one house in the parish, the vicarage, where no evacuees were accommodated. This house has three principal reception rooms, pantry and kitchen on the ground floor with adjacent larder and scullery and on the upper floors there are three principal bedrooms, a smaller bedroom and a bedroom with bathroom.

Mrs. Beattie's letter went on to say that part of her house has for some time been used as an A.R.P. wardens' post, report centre, first aid post, Home Guard post and for storing A.F.S. equipment.

RAFFLE RESULT

The raffle for a pair of Tonkin Silver Bracelets, given by Mrs. Stanley Mason in aid of the B.W.O.F., was drawn by Lady MacGregor at Government House yesterday.

The winning ticket was No. 67, held by Lieut. H. O. Bramble, and the proceeds amounted to \$132.

When the German occupation of Bulgaria became a fait accompli, the Ministers of these countries requested the usual diplomatic facilities in order to leave Sofia.

THEY WERE INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD LONG SINCE CEASED TO RECOGNISE THEM AS THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, BUT ONLY AS EXILE REFUGEES.

The Dutch and Polish Ministers were further told that the Bulgarian Government was prepared to make every effort to facilitate their movements if they wished to return to Holland and Poland.

Cynical Impertinence

It is felt in authoritative London circles that it would be hard to find a parallel for such a cynical impertinence in the treatment of properly accredited diplomats.

It was owing to this attitude of the Bulgarian authorities that Mr. Rendel delayed his departure until his three colleagues and their staffs were safely across the frontier. Meanwhile, confirmation that the bomb which exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel was secreted among the baggage of the British Legation party while still in Sofia, is contained in an official statement issued following enquiries in Istanbul.

Official Statement

The statement says: "Two valises which had been placed among the luggage of the British Legation staff at Sofia prior to the special train's departure arrived here and one was taken to the hotel, where it exploded a few moments after arrival."

The statement adds: "The second valise was found at another hotel among the baggage of a member of the British Legation staff."

"Following the explosion this gentleman became suspicious and, on opening the valise, found an infernal machine resembling a wireless battery."

"He submitted it to expert examination which revealed that it contained explosive material. This was rendered harmless."

"Three persons were killed and 22 injured. The inquiry is proceeding."

Two Policemen Killed

Two policemen and a chambermaid were among those who lost their lives in the explosion, it is officially confirmed.—Reuter.

DULL DAY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was mostly dull yesterday. Cited securities were steady to firm and India stocks met some late buying. Industrials were widely marked down, especially Austin Motor and British Aluminium, on reduced dividends. Kaf-fairs were firmly held. Among foreign issues there was some buying of Brazilians. Wall Street was quiet.—Reuter.

MUSSOLINI EXAMINES THE WRECK

Mussolini has been in Albania for the past five days, supervising operations, reported Athens radio last night.

The Duce is reported to have said he is returning to Rome on Saturday.—Reuter.

PURPOSE OF MATSUOKA JOURNEY

Mr. Matsuoka's trip to Europe is evidence how much Japan "expects from the Tripartite Pact and how she places full confidence," states the Tokyo "Yomiuri Shimbun."

"The journey will disillusion England and America, who are hoping that Japan's defection from her Axis partners will disrupt the pact."

The paper adds: "What Mr. Matsuoka is seeking is a strengthening of the Axis through complete understanding among the three signatories, as well as a better grasp of the outlook on the international situation."

"Only then can a formula for settlement of the China conflict and the policies of wartime diplomacy be firmly established."

Recalling the Imperial Rescript issued last year, when the pact was signed, the paper emphasised that Japan's objective lay in "enabling each nation to find its proper place and all individuals to live in peace and security."—Reuter.

PLIGHT OF BRITISH SHIPPING ON THE CHINA COAST

THE PLIGHT OF BRITISH shipping, in the face of Japanese obstruction to the re-opening of the waterway to Canton, was mentioned by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons. Bilston) in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hannah suggested retaliatory measures on Japanese shipping in British ports.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that negotiations had been progressing for sometime but without result, and representations were made to the Japanese Government.

"His Majesty's Government have under constant review such measures as it may be possible to take to remedy the existing situation, and a report on the latest position has been called for," Mr. Butler added.

Mr. Hannah requested information about the seven-point programme of the Peiping Anti-British Association.

Mr. Butler outlined the activities of the association and added there was no proof that the movement receives direct support from the Japanese authorities but anti-

RHODES ISLAND AIR BASES HEAVILY BOMBED

RHODES ISLAND, in the Dodecanese, was subjected to a heavy raid by R.A.F. bombers during the night of Monday/Tuesday.

Calato, an enemy aerodrome half way between Linkos and Lakania, was bombed, causing a large fire in the south-west corner of the aerodrome, following four heavy explosions and several smaller ones.

An R.A.F. Middle East communiqué announcing these operations says that aerodromes at Maritza and Kattavula were also attacked, causing fires.

It was the second night in succession that aerodromes on Rhodes were bombed. Considerable damage was done to dispersed enemy aircraft. All the British planes returned undamaged.

Albania Raids

Troop movements and motor transport on the Glava-Buzi road, in Albania, were again attacked on Tuesday, when British fighters intercepted a large formation of enemy fighters in the central front sector, five being shot down and a number of others severely damaged.

Further attacks were made on a railway in Eritrea.

Regarding operations in Abyssinia, the communiqué says enemy motor transport on the Jijiga-Harar road was machine-gunned and an Italian bomber in Jijiga aerodrome shot up by aircraft of the South African Air Force.

This aerodrome appeared deserted.

Fighter Protection

Fighter aircraft gave advancing British troops protection.

It is now known that five enemy aircraft were destroyed in the raid on an enemy aerodrome on Tripolitania announced on Tuesday.

The communiqué adds that enemy aircraft raided Malta during the night of Monday/Tuesday but caused only slight damage.

One German heavy bomber was shot down by British fighters, and A.A. destroyed another enemy aircraft.

From all operations the British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

SHELTERS FOR SICK PLANNED

Each tuberculous family should have a family shelter and should be given priority in the issue of an Anderson or other assisted shelter accommodation.

That is another of the recommendations made to the Government by Lord Horder's Committee according to a White Paper.

Arrangements should be made to send cases of "open" tuberculosis known to frequent shelters to hospital at once, the committee says, adding: "If necessary, compulsory powers should be taken to do this."

As already forecast, the committee advocates a standard type of mask to reduce the spread of infection.

A cellulose acetate (Cellophane) screen five and a half inches square supported by an elastic cord is considered to be the best.

Masks Ordered

(The Government states that orders for large numbers of these masks have been placed, and arrangements made for further supplies to be obtained quickly should the necessity arise.)

To forestall unforeseen difficulty in the supply of Cellophane, the committee urges that gauze masks, consisting of at least four layers of muslin, should also be ordered.

The White Paper states: "The committee has considered the use of medicated lozenges, gargles and throat sprays."

"The committee concludes that there are not sufficient grounds on which to recommend any of these methods as part of the general hygiene campaign against infection in shelters."

"At the same time, the committee does not wish to discourage the use of these measures by individual shelter users."

"Give Them Shelter"

An appeal for more houses in the country to be thrown open to evacuees was made jointly by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Cardinal Hinsley, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, and the Rev. Walter H. Armstrong, Moderator of the Free Church Federal Council.

"We believe the great majority of the hosts have rendered the service gladly," the appeal adds. "These modern Good Samaritans have not shrunk from a good deal of personal sacrifice, of comfort, privacy and leisure."

"Nothing is harder than to make allowances for different habits and ways of life, whether on the part of host or guest. Many of the problems have been splendidly overcome."

"But there remain a large number who still need hospitality."

"We appeal to those who have not yet opened their homes and their hearts. We appeal to those who have been discouraged by unfortunate experiences to try again."

MR. CHURCHILL THANKS AMERICA

"Generous And Far-Seeing Statesmanship" Commons' Outburst Of Applause

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS VENTED THE LOUDEST CHEERING FOR A LONG TIME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE AMERICAN LEASE AND LEND BILL. EVERY SENTENCE PROVOKED A NEW AND LOUDER OUTBURST.

"I am sure," said the Premier, "that the House would wish me to express our deep and respectful appreciation of this moment of generous and far-seeing statesmanship."

"The most powerful Democracy has, in effect, declared in a solemn statute that they will devote their overwhelming industrial and financial strength to assuring the defeat of Nazism in order that nations, great and small, may live in security, tolerance and freedom."

"The Government and people of the United States have written a new Magna Carta which not only has regard to the rights and laws on which a healthy and advancing civilisation can alone be reached, but also proclaims by precept and example that it is the duty of free men and nations everywhere to share the responsibility and the burden of enforcing them."

"On behalf of the Government and the nation and in the name of all freedom-loving peoples, I offer the United States our gratitude for her inspiring act of faith."

When the Commons are particularly wholehearted behind any Government statement they try to emphasise the fact by asking no supplementary questions.

Broadcast Suggested

Hence there were cries of dissent when the Liberal National, Mr. Granville Rose, put a question proved to be designed to underline the country's gratitude to the United States.

He asked whether "in view of the great importance of this statement, the Premier will consider a broadcast to the United States in similar terms and on a wavelength which could be heard by the British people."

Mr. Churchill replied: "I must choose the exact moment."

By a coincidence, six members of the United States military mission who are in Britain on matters connected with aviation, happened to be in the House when Mr. Churchill spoke.—Reuter.

EXPANSION OF N.Z. FORCES

The rapid expansion of the New Zealand forces to resist every possible attack, was stressed by Sir Cyril Newall, the new Governor-General, at the opening of the Dominion Parliament in Wellington yesterday.

Every possible step, he said, was being taken to meet any emergency and with the increasing demand for manpower, the Government may have to arrange a still further diversion of labour from non-essential to essential industries.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, said that the safe conveying of Australian and New Zealand troops from England to the Middle East has strengthened their faith in the efficiency and sea power of the British Navy.—Reuter.

JOCKEY CLUB'S GIFTS

The Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club have allocated further amounts to War Funds and War Charities as follows:—

South China Morning Post Bomber Fund	\$83,802.03
British Fund for Relief of Distress in China	83,802.03
British War Organisation Fund	30,000.00
St. Dunstan's	16,000.00
British Fund for Prisoners of War in Germany	5,000.00

\$218,604.06

The first two items represent the net proceeds of the Special Sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby.

These contributions will bring the total distributed by the Jockey Club to War Funds and War Charities to \$527,000 or approximately £32,800.

The Stewards also announce that the Net Proceeds of the next big Sweep, "The Lantau Handicap," to be run on 2nd June, 1941, will be devoted to British War Funds and the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PLAN

The second batch of Indian candidates for training in industrial workshops in England, shortly to be selected, will consist of 50, of whom 10 will be selected from the Madras Presidency and native states in south India.—Reuter.

INDIA'S ITALIAN PRISONERS

The Government of India has hitherto agreed to accommodate 44,000 Italian prisoners in India. In addition to the camps at Ramgach and Bangalore, with a total capacity of 36,000, a third camp is being established at Bhopal, with a capacity of 9,000.—Reuter.

Roosevelt's Message To Congress

"I STRONGLY URGE THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF THIS APPROPRIATION," DECLARED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TRANSMITTING DETAILED ESTIMATES FOR \$7,000,000,000 FOR AIDING BRITAIN AND THE ALLIES.

The budget director splits the appropriation into several categories, of which by far the largest is \$2,000,000,000 for aircraft and aeronautical material.

In addition to other large sums for various armaments, the appropriation includes \$629,000,000 for vessels, boats and other watercraft and equipment, supplies and spares.

Another item is \$200,000,000 for testing, inspecting and repairing defence articles for the government of any country whose defence the President deems vital to the defence of the United States.

This presumably would be used partly for repairing British warships at American bases.

Adequate Arsenal

Striking phrases in President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Rayburn ran:—
"Our country is determined to do its part in creating an ade-

quate arsenal for Democracy. This great arsenal will be here in this country. It will be the bulwark of our own defence, it will be a source of tools of defence for all Democracies who are fighting to preserve themselves against aggression."

Plans are being formulated, to rush the President's request through Congress.

The Appropriations Bill will probably be ready for debate on Monday and Tuesday. The House Appropriations Committee will begin hearings to-day. President Roosevelt called a meeting yesterday afternoon of Government witnesses who will testify before the Committee.

Mr. Rayburn declared: "We shall put everything else aside."—Reuter.

HITLER TURNS UP AT LINZ

Hitler unexpectedly arrived at Linz, in Austria, last night to participate in the celebrations commemorating the "liberation of Ostmark three years ago," says a Linz despatch to the German news agency.—Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE NO SHOCK ATTITUDE

"We expected it and the German leaders had made allowance for it in their plans."

This appears to be the line taken by all the Nazi papers towards the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill.

THEY ASSURE THEIR READERS THAT THE MEASURE CANNOT AVERT BRITAIN'S FINAL DEFEAT.

A semi-official statement in Berlin declares it has not come as a surprise to the tripartite powers.

It adds that final approval of the Bill has merely legalised existing practice. The Wilhelmstrasse declares the Act can only prolong the war, not shorten it.—Reuter.

ARMED MEN HUNT FOR ROAMING BEAR

Farmers and poultry-keepers, armed with shotguns, kept watch all night for a bear which had been seen roaming in a copse near the village of Hursley, Hants, earlier in the day.

Police officers and villagers had searched over a wide area after a man had told them he had seen the bear.

The man said he watched the animal through binoculars. It had a chain hanging around its neck.

There is no circus or private zoo in the district.

No one has yet reported that they have lost a bear.

WEALTHY ANZAC'S GENEROSITY

Mr. Alma Baker, wealthy New Zealander resident in Malaya, has given £30,000 for six fighters and has sent an appeal through Lord Beaverbrook for further Empire flights and squadrons.

"I am doing my utmost to see that should I die before victory my present private expenditure is to provide a gift of one fighter each three months," he says.—Reuter.

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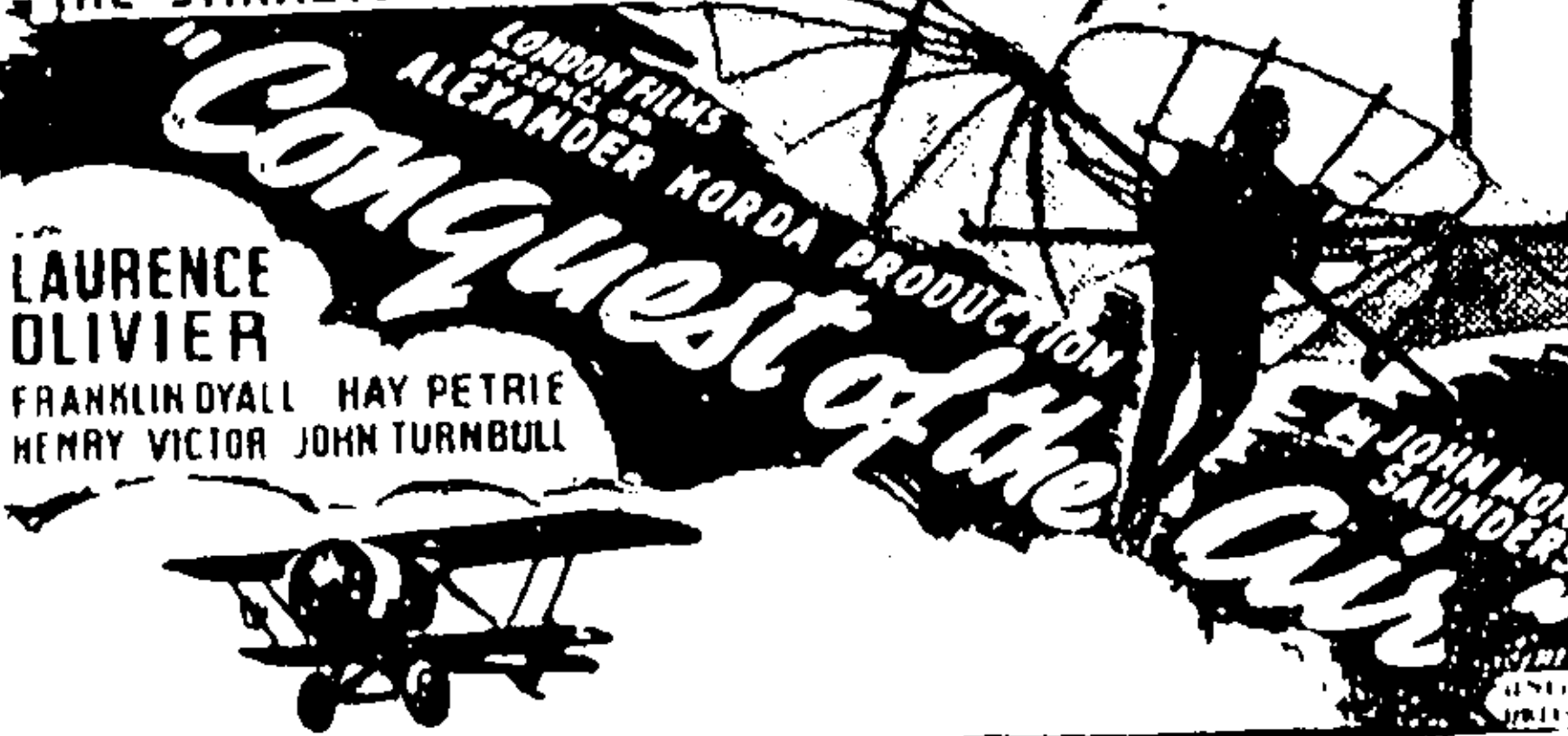
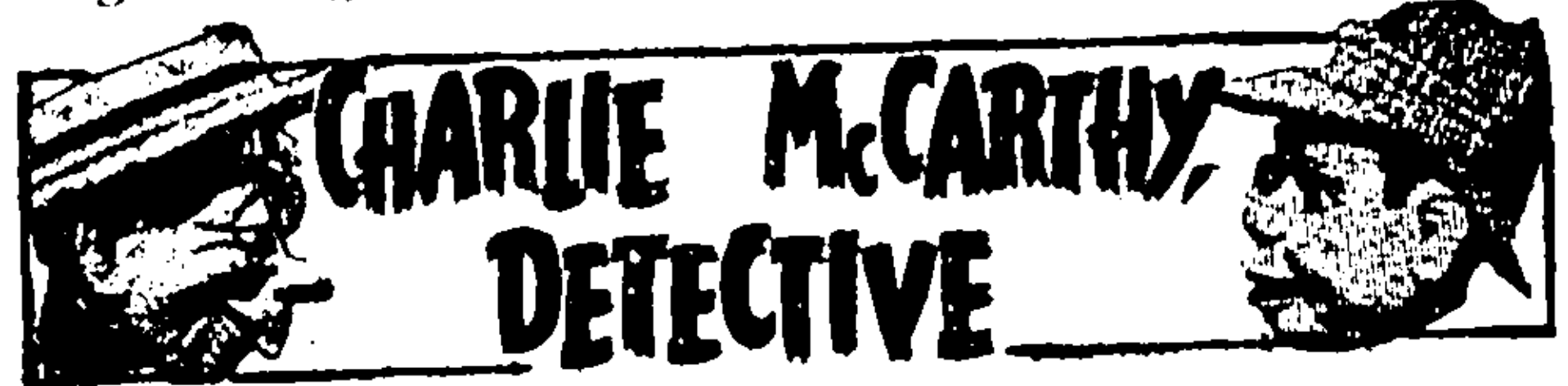
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ACTUALLY PRODUCING WAR MATERIALS
FOR GERMANY.

A number of firms there are engaged on orders for the German High Command, making aeroplane parts, sections of tanks, aluminium fittings, munitions and motor-boats, it was stated yesterday at the British Ministry of Economic Warfare in London.

It is possible even that some of the barges Hitler hopes to use for invading England are being made by Frenchmen.

It is also known that German and Italian commissions in Marseilles and other parts of unoccupied France see to it that substantial quantities of cereals, oil, copra and phosphates, shipped from North Africa, are directly channelled for Germany.

Free Discussion

The statement is being examined in London and, as every phase of the war is the subject of free discussion between Britain and the United States, it may be assumed that it is also under consideration in Washington.

Britain has always been prepared to let food enter unoccupied France, where 90 per cent. of the population are pro-British, provided there is a guarantee that French people will consume it but such a guarantee has not been forthcoming so far. — Reuter.

BOTTAI'S
DEATH
DENIED

AN OFFICIAL DENIAL THAT BOTTAI, FASCIST MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND CIANETTI, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR CORPORATIONS, WERE KILLED IN RECENT FIGHTING IN ALBANIA, WAS GIVEN IN ROME YESTERDAY.

It appears, says the official statement, that both Ministers are in excellent health and that a major named Bottai, who had no connection with the Minister, has been made prisoner by the Greeks. — Reuter.

15, HAD PARENTS'
CONSENT TO WEDDING

A fifteen-year-old girl, who was found by an education officer in a register office making arrangements for her marriage to a Dutchman, was brought before Liverpool Juvenile Court. Her parents, it was alleged, were not exercising proper care and guardianship.

The education officer told the Court that the girl had her parents' consent to the marriage, and that her mother had given her age as sixteen. It was stated that the girl had been seen with undesirable companions and had been sleeping in air-raid shelters. The magistrate made an interim order for fourteen days for report.

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OF MUTINY

Pioneer Edward James Mower, of the Pioneer Corps, was found not guilty at a general court-martial at Chelsea Barracks of trying to persuade soldiers in his battalion to mutiny — a charge which carries the death penalty on conviction.

Mower was also found not guilty of using insubordinate language to a superior officer.

The decision of the Court on a charge of being guilty of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline will be made known in due course.

Mower pleaded not guilty to the three charges.

If A Man Can Stand—

Sergeant R. Morton, describing a scene in a billet, said that while there was an air raid on Mower rushed into the room and shouted: "I want you to be men and refuse to turn out to work to-morrow morning."

Lance-Corporal Blencowe told the Court that when Mower arrived at the guard room he was sober.

Captain Gluckstein (for the prosecution): As long as a man can stand on his feet he is sober. Is that right, corporal?

Lance-Corporal Blencowe: He was certainly not drunk sir.

Pioneer Crowder said that he saw Mower in the public house earlier in the evening. He was drunk and was singing.

Second-Lieutenant Pocock (for the defence) said Mower had served in Malta, Ireland, Burma and India. In the last war he went out with the Old Contemptibles and fought at Mons.

He asked the Court to take into account his excellent service to the country, and to believe that what he had said was said under the influence of drink, and that he did not mean it.

JAPANESE
WARCRAFT
AT SAIGON

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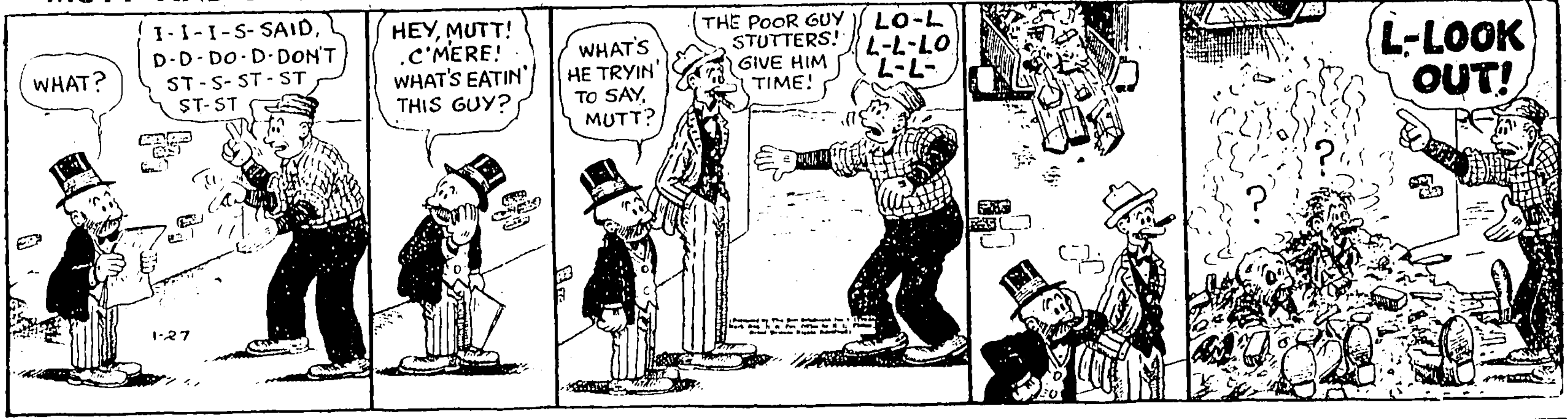
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By BUD FISHER



DUTCH SECRET SOCIETY HARASSING THE HUNS

THE MIAMI "HERALD" says Nazi guns may have subdued the Dutch army but they have not conquered the Dutch spirit.

It appears, says the paper, that a secret society has been functioning, aimed at the German invaders.

"EIRE SHOULD BE EXPELLED"

WHEN WE HAD WON THE WAR WE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO HOLD DOWN EUROPE FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME BY FORCE OF ARMS, SAID DR. W. R. MATTHEWS, DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S, SPEAKING AT MALVERN

He believed, he said, that we would be compelled to enlarge the British Empire, possibly under a different name.

He was convinced that there were countries which would come into the Empire providing that they could be assured that, if they were part of it, it would

Poleon weapons, mistreatment of German soldiers, sniping and pushing Nazis into canals and rivers, were some of the methods used to get rid of the hated oppressors.

There is much hope in what Netherlanders have plotted and done. It shows what Hitler must face, it shows that while he may occupy a country he does not hold the people.

All little nations taken over by the Nazis will be ready to turn against the aggressors and tear them to bits when the opportunity arrives, and that chance will come. They will smash the German machine eventually. Reuter.

be defended. To carry out that scheme it would be necessary to expel Eire from the British Empire.

NURSE OFF DUTY—RAID HEROINE

Though off duty when Southampton was raided recently, eighteen-year-old Mary Newman, an assistant nurse, went out to help, and crouched for more than an hour at the side of a trapped youth after a hole had been made for her in the debris.

Off duty from the Hollybrook Homes Hospital, she was spending her leisure with her parents in Magnolia Road, Bitterne, Southampton, when, in the light of flares, enemy planes started raining bombs on the town.

In a street nearby she found Mr. D. G. Andrews, a company quartermaster-sergeant in the Home Guard, rescuing a badly injured man from the ruins of his home which had been struck by a bomb.

Note "Explained"

Nurse Newman dressed the man's injuries while awaiting an ambulance and the man was able to tell her that his son was trapped in the house.

Mr. Andrews and other Home Guards searched the wreckage, and guided by his cries found the youth pinned beneath a pile of debris.

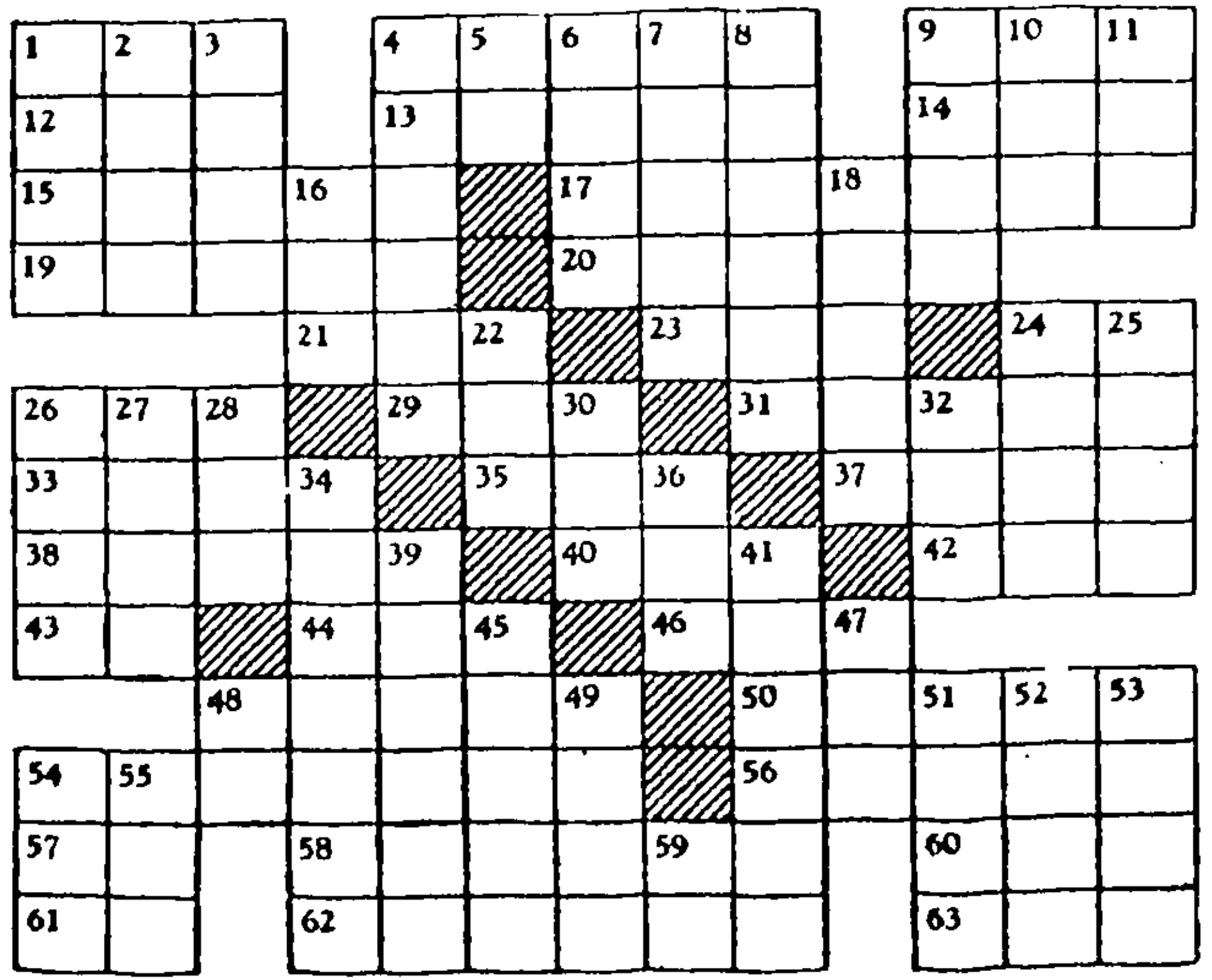
With their hands they cleared a hole through the debris to the youth who had concussion and shock.

Into the hole crept Mary. Though the heavy raid continued for more than an hour she crouched in the narrow cavity near the victim, who was in an almost inverted position.

Mary maintained her vigil, reassuring and encouraging the youth, despite the danger of the debris collapsing as the rescuers toiled around her and the peril of being overcome by gas. Though on the verge of collapse through the gas fumes she stayed till he was freed.

Then she suddenly realised that she was late for duty at the hospital. She hurried there with a note from an official of the A.R.P. medical services to explain why she was late.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



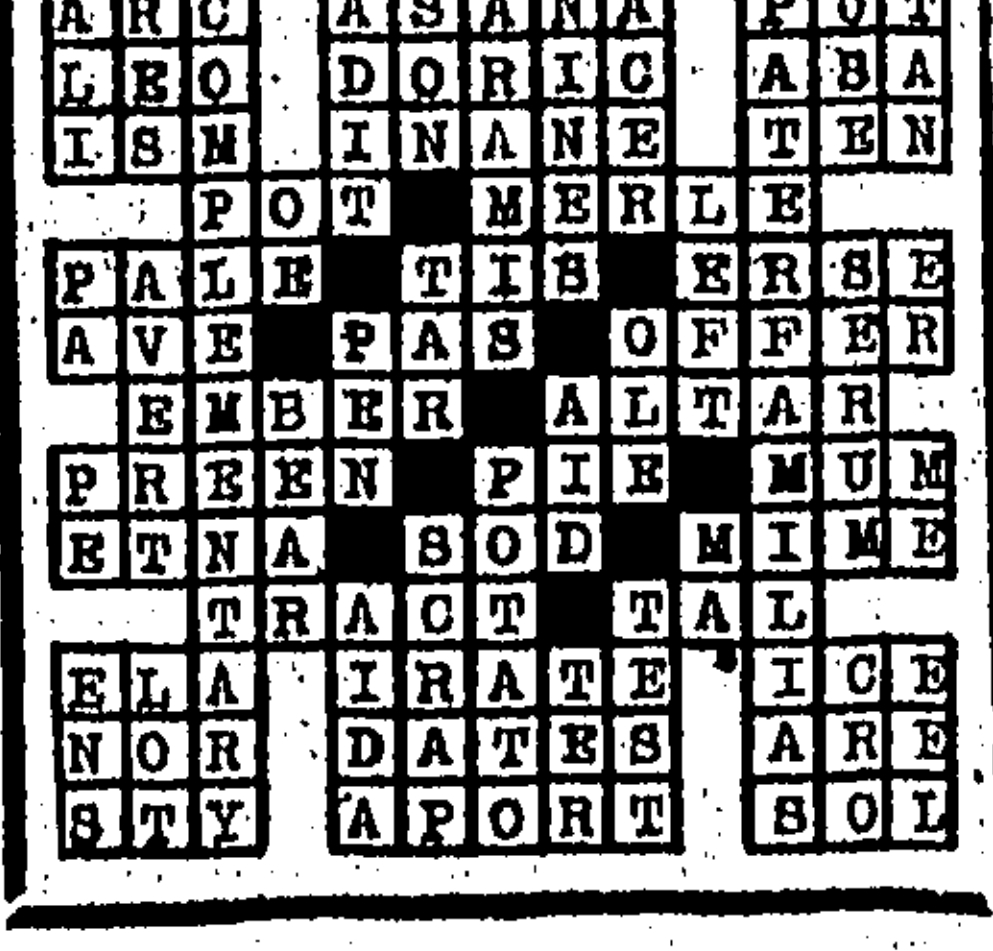
- HORIZONTAL**
- 1 To knock
 - 4 To accumulate
 - 9 Ocean
 - 12 Literary scraps
 - 13 Hand-to-hand fight
 - 14 To allow
 - 15 Web-like membranes
 - 17 To obtain
 - 19 Tranquil
 - 20 To check the natural development of
 - 21 Ignited
 - 23 To place
 - 24 Sun god
 - 26 Music: as written
 - 29 Diving bird
 - 31 Fabric woven from flax
 - 33 Vow
 - 35 To bite
 - 37 Stock of goods
 - 38 Test
 - 40 Beverage
 - 42 To haul
 - 43 Thus
 - 44 Teutonic water-nymph
 - 46 Sleeveless garment

- 48 Pertaining to sound
- 50 Opponent
- 54 To divide
- 56 To ascend
- 57 Note of scale
- 58 Excited
- 60 Resort
- 61 Archaic pronoun
- 62 To represent
- 63 Worm

- VERTICAL**
- 1 Rodents
 - 2 The dill
 - 3 Sacred
 - 4 Buddhist language
 - 4 Girl's name
 - 5 Pronoun
 - 6 Cry of sorrow
 - 7 Parties
 - 8 Result

- 9 Narrow opening
- 10 Poetic, ever
- 11 Consumed
- 16 Completely
- 18 To the time when
- 22 Large cask
- 24 City in Nevada
- 25 Again
- 26 Soaks
- 27 Tropical plant
- 28 Philippine ward division
- 30 Small violin
- 32 Insect egg
- 34 Respected
- 36 Edible seed
- 39 Last act
- 41 To wear away
- 45 The devil
- 47 Atmosphere
- 48 Toward
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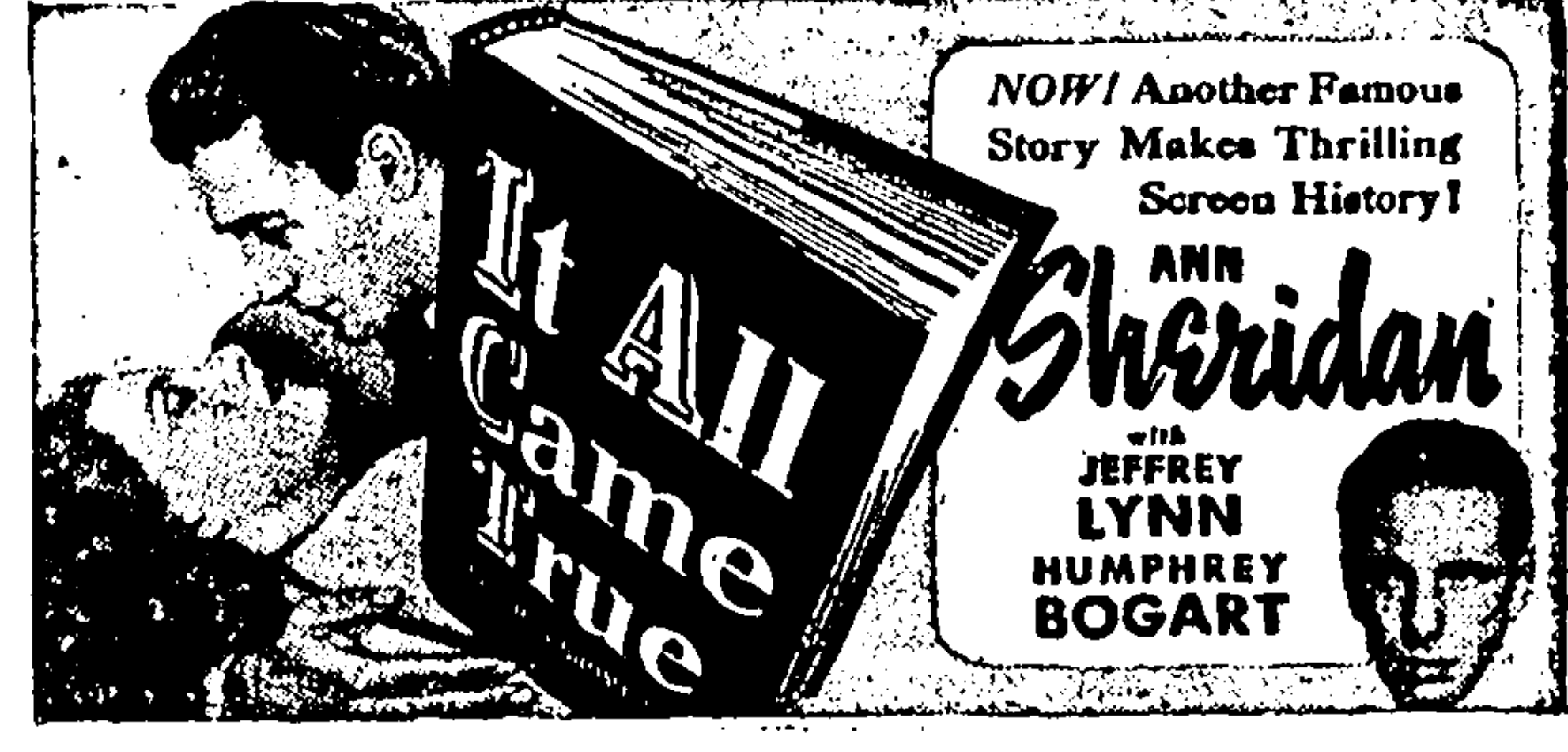
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NAZI TERROR IN FRANCE

FORCED ONTO SHIPS AT GUN POINT

HOW GERMAN TROOPS were forced aboard Hitler's invasion fleet at the point of their officers' revolvers, is revealed in a letter from a French woman living in Vichy to her sister in England.

The letter shows that even in so-called unoccupied France, the Nazi overlord is supreme, and proves how the Germans fear that the French people will aid Britain.

France, says the writer, fears famine because she knows that all her food stocks are being sent to feed the German hordes. Here is her letter:

My Dearest,—What a dreadful nightmare we are passing through! We ask ourselves if it is true. Maman and I have been stupefied. I came here with unheard of difficulties because the houses had to be sold.

We are sequestered prisoners, impossible to go out of the town, where one is very often gated from seven in the evening till seven in the morning.

Despite the terrible life which must be yours I envy you. How many times have we regretted not to come to be with you! We haven't a corner of France which is free. They are everywhere. Even in the unoccupied part.

They bombarded the civil population, who were fleeing from the invasion in an abominable fashion. Women and children were without food for three or four days, crucified unceasingly by their aviation. Women laid themselves down across the road to stop lorries passing.

Famine Fear

They have taken everything, pillaged everything in paying with the money that has no value. Finding food is difficult and we are beginning to find nothing further.

This winter will be terrible and it will be surprising if we do not have a famine. I have not had a gramme of butter for more than three weeks. They have taken it all to Germany.

Now German families are coming into France to shelter themselves behind the French. What a life!

For myself, I find it almost impossible to tolerate them. If we could only get over to Morocco! We have only the wireless, to which we tune in from eight o'clock to ten o'clock in the evening (London). But they blanket everything until we can hear nothing.

Come Back!

The distress of our prisoners has been worse than everything. We have got up subscriptions and it is the French who are nourishing them now.

You cannot imagine what regret we have to see no longer the English, Australian and Canadian soldiers whom we love so much. They have been replaced by whom? Oh, it is dreadful. May they come back quickly, quickly!

I would like to tell you the present state of spirit in France. No one wants any more of the Republic. It has done so many dirty things.

Forced Aboard

Three or four weeks ago, there were many embarkations at St. Nazaire. It appears that the men did not want to embark and the German officers forced them at the point of the revolver.

Where have they gone? Far? Look out! At this moment Northern France is a forbidden area; it is certainly because they are massing all their forces there.

If I was a man I would certainly not live in France but near you. How can Frenchmen be here? It is so painful. I regain courage when I think that England will win. But what a terrible ordeal in the meantime!

WE WANT MORE WAR BABIES

In spite of the war, people should be encouraged to produce larger families, in the opinion of Dr. R. A. Fisher, Galton Professor of Eugenics at University College, London, who has evacuated to Rothamstead Experimental Station at Harpenden.

After the fall in the birth-rate during the last war and the sudden increase in the early 'twenties there has been a decline up till the beginning of the present war. If a further serious decline now takes place we shall be below the level required for the population to reproduce itself.

Family Allowances

"Reproduction of families in this war should not be postponed," Dr. Fisher said to a "News Chronicle" reporter. "Children consume very little of the country's foodstuff, and the replacement of the population will be most urgent in the 20 years following the war."

To encourage larger families, Dr. Fisher advocates family allowances, which, he says, need not cost the Treasury a penny. He is in favour of the allowances being based on a contributive scheme subscribed by employers and employees.

INTERNEES FOR AMPS

Canadian internment officials have disclosed that about 300 "enemy internees" will be sailing from an east Canadian port to volunteer for service in the British Auxiliary Pioneer Corps.

They are of grade "C" or the refugee type.

CAR SWEEPED HALF MILE BY TRAIN

— MOTORIST DIDN'T KNOW

PEOPLE STANDING by a level-crossing near Hexham (Northumberland) watched horror-stricken as a goods train was seen hurtling along the line with a motor-car and its driver perched on the buffers.

The motorist was carried half a mile before the car crashed down an embankment.

Rescuers clambered down to it and to their amazement extricated the driver almost unhurt.

He was John Robert Longstaff, 26, of Hexham. His only injuries were cuts to the face.

Mr. Longstaff was able to walk home, but he could not remember anything that happened from the moment of the crash.

He probably owes his life to the fact that the buffers of the train crashed through the sides of the car and lifted it clear of the rails.

WEEPING CROWD GOES TO MASS BURIAL

Weeping relatives lined the communal graveside at Cardiff when citizens honoured the dead in the blitz raid on the city.

Men, women and children were given a civic funeral, but there were many in the communal grave who could not be identified. A number were buried privately.

A family of seven who had been evacuated to the city was wiped out. Many sole survivors of small families stood by the open grave and dropped in posies.

THEIR COATS FROZE AS THEY WORKED

Private C. Lubbock, of Norwich, survivor of the Lancastria, which sank at St. Nazaire, is now finding adventure in Iceland.

"As I was going to bed one Sunday night," he writes to his father, "the Staff Sergeant announced that a number of lorries were snowed up in the mountains and that the breakdown wagon must be got ready to take rations to the stranded men."

The rescue party left camp at 10.15 and arrived at 1.30 a.m. at a mountain chalet, having battled its way for 21 miles along snow-bound roads.

Three miles from the chalet the lorries were found and had to be dug out. As the men worked their sheep-skin coats froze. When one man opened a coat pocket it cracked like brittle glass. But the men joked as they worked and kept cheerful.

The lorries were not restored to the track until late in the morning.

Private Lubbock says: "I feel really enriched in experience and education."



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THE CHALLENGE

Nazi Germany must hurry. Already many American planes have joined the operational units of the R.A.F. and, now the Lend and Lease Bill is through, steadily such aid will increase. President Roosevelt's plan removes all financial obstacles. He recently showed in a couple of sentences that he understands the meaning of total war. "No major war ever has been won or lost," he says, "for lack of money. The more we produce, the stronger we are." Those are the precepts on which Hitler worked and triumphed. He knows what giant strength America can wield once she braces her muscles on such wise instructions.

It all comes back to the Atlantic. Hitler can only hope to win by assault on Britain before our absolute mastery is restored in that sea. And the battle of the Atlantic in turn will be fought in our factories. More planes to help our ships, more bombers to blast his invasion ports and strike the weapons from his hands, more tonnage from our shipyards, Britain standing erect while full American production comes to our side. This is the summons. We must rise to it as we rose to meet the same intimate peril after Dunkirk. When we have divided those figures of shipping losses by ten we shall have victory in our grasp.

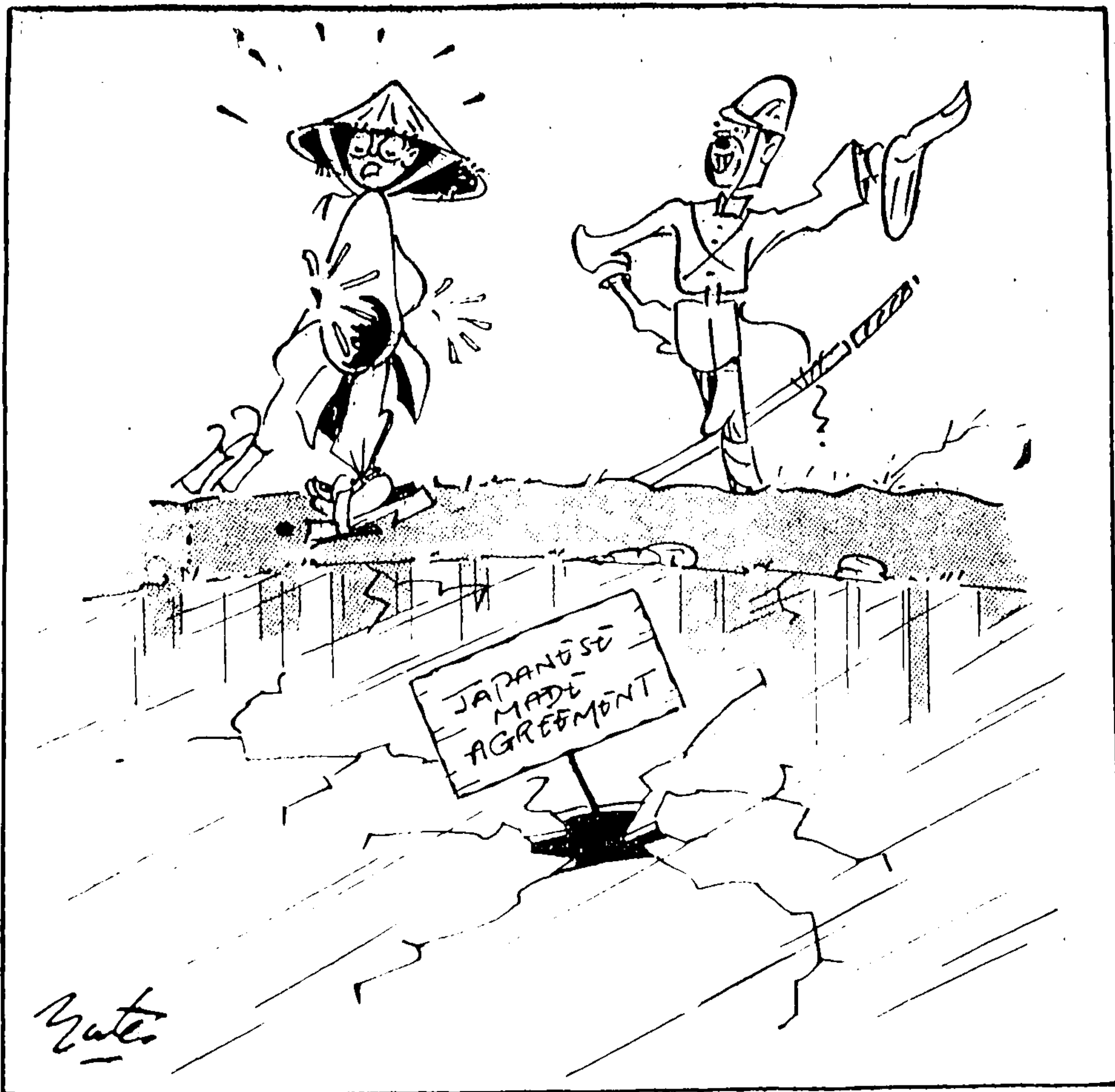
MYSTERY AIR FORCE

What has happened to the Italian air force? Answer that conundrum and you may have discovered a fact of considerable importance.

The size of air forces is the most closely guarded of military secrets. No one can be certain and guesses may be far wide of the mark. Italy was estimated in 1938 to possess more than two thousand good, usable machines and from that day to the outbreak of war Italian factories were presumably busy repairing the losses inflicted in Abyssinia and Spain and profiting from experience in these two theatres. Yet Britain's mastery of the air in the Mediterranean and Middle East has been practically undisputed.

How can we explain the mystery? Part

SKATING ON 'THIN ICE



JAPAN: "What's the trouble. It's as safe as a Japanese guarantee can make it."

Sign Of The Double Cross

By
Michael Foot

One auspicious April in the year 1889 two men were born, one in an Austrian town-ship called Braunau, the other in the East End of London. One was christened Adolf Schicklgruber, the other Charles Spencer Chaplin.

Both had genius and their names (slightly modified to suit the demands of publicity) were destined to become better known than any other of their generation.

Both tasted poverty following the death of their fathers, but one showed his talents early and brought money to his mother before the age of ten, while the other moped at his mother's side and later begged his bread through the streets of Vienna. One was making his first motion picture in Hollywood when the other was still failing to sell his faked picture postcards.

Neither forgot those early days of trial. One learnt to detest poverty. The other learnt to hate the poor.

One remembered his debt to his old comrades and liked to return to the schoolroom of his youth and perform his antics to amuse the children. The other resolved on nothing but revenge.

doubt may be due to the acknowledged superiority of the British pilot. In all individual combats since Italy entered the war he has displayed his prowess over the Italian even more surely than over his German rival. There are also some indications that part of the Italian air force is being re-equipped to enable it to face better the superior British machine. But is that all? We are so armoured now against all kinds of wishful thinking that we rightly search for a less comfortable solution.

forbade the mention of his Vienna days, returned only with the smack of vengeance on his lips, and never spent a penny in his years of triumph to reward the old comrade who had shared with him back in Vienna his last hunk of bread.

Both profited from their upbringing. One learnt to excite men's virtues. The other discovered how abjectly men could be ruled through their vices. One had learnt the meaning of love and pity and tolerance and pathos. The other had mastered hate and derision and contempt.

When the war ended one was already an international figure, while the other was still an unknown political spy paid by the German army. A dozen years later one toured almost every capital city in the world, and was mobbed by cheering, laughing multitudes. He was thrilled by so many happy faces. The other was attracting vast multitudes too. He roared and yelled at them from the platform, but in the ante-room afterwards he would boast how shrewdly he had drawn "the magnet across this dunghill."

Now, ten years later still, one has become the recognised enemy of civilised mankind. "The meanest man in all the world," as he was once properly described, has gained the power to unleash his hatred against his fellow men on a continental scale. Millions of ruined lives and billions of tears are his harvest.

The other watched all those events and must have seen them as a challenge to himself. He was the supreme individualist and Hitler had sworn eternal war against those who demanded the right to think and feel for themselves. He was the master of pathos and Hitler was hacking all pity to shreds

with jackboot and sword. He loved laughter, and Hitler had stifled laughter in countless homes across whole nations.

He has taken up the challenge. He has answered in the best way he knows. He has answered with the biggest, bonniest, stickiest, slickest custard pie ever shied by the most expert pie-shier in the history of slapstick.

I remember hearing years ago that Charlie Chaplin was going to make a film about Hitler. I felt a faint tingle of excitement at the pit of my stomach. Millions of people in every land must have felt the same. Tens of thousands of people in the city alone, after they had heard the good news, must have baffled their fellow-travellers on the other side of the Tube with an unconscious smile, snigger, grin or guffaw apparently provoked by nothing more jovial than a London Transport station map. Our trust in Charlie was something much surer than the stormtrooper's goat-like faith in his Fuehrer. Then came the blow. Some oaf in America was apparently protesting that Hollywood should not tamper with politics. We knew it. We had these oafs of our own, pompous little asses who snoop into our own music halls and would be telling us next that a dirty crack by Max Miller was causing tension in the International Settlement at Shanghai. Little did they realise that censorship at the Holborn Empire would rob the British people of one of the best platforms where political reputations are made and broken. And now it seemed that the Monroe Doctrine and the film Moguls together were to condemn the cinema to inanity. Charlie was to be allowed to bait the foreman and bespatter his boss, but never to pull the throne away from beneath the worst and most mammoth imposture among men. Those were anxious days, but we can afford to forget them. It has come at last.

Charlie Chaplin is no politician. He is a custard pie expert and not even a philosopher. Yet just be-

cause he sticks to his own business he says some things which need to be said which only he can say perfectly, things which some of us forgot in these years gone by, and partly because we forgot them we were landed in this mess. There will be a few of these offenders among those lords and ladies. I would like to watch them. If their hides and skulls were only thinner, I would like to be there to see them squirm. See Adenoid Hynkel, dictator of Tomnias, addressing the mob beneath the Sign of the Double Cross, shouting, choking, shrieking, spluttering until the very microphone recoils in horror before the avalanche, whipping mass enthusiasm and maniac shouts with the refrain that Jews, Liberty, Europe, Democracy, the faces of Tomnias, all these may be dismissed with one incomprehensible word devised from Hitler's example and Chaplin's genius—stunk. Were the arguments of our own little Hitlers any better? Hate all foreigners! Parliament was a talking shop! Perish Judah! Democracy was a hoax, every bit of it! Liberty stank.

Do you remember these buffoons who wanted nothing better than to march in processions, shout when they were told to, but always together, and consign to oblivion argument, debate, criticism and all those things which distinguish citizens from serfs? See Benziini Napolini, dictator of Bacteria (yes, he gets his pie square across the eyeballs), arguing and ranting with his dear, beloved Adenoid and almost starting an international crisis by claiming that his barber chair must be higher. See Adenoid himself dancing a balloon dance with a globe map and collapsing into tears when the balloon bursts in his hands.

Charlie certainly makes them look silly. But, after all, didn't someone tell us that Benziini Napolini was a fine Christian gentleman? (Or was that about somebody else?)

At least, didn't one or two of our womanish admirers of dictatorship hail Napolini as a great and constructive statesman, a man of iron who made the trains run to time (are they still running) and kept the workers in their proper place? Did not someone write a pamphlet (is it still circulating?) applauding the abracadabra which Benziini disguised under the title of Fascist corporations? And did not they tell us that Benziini and Adenoid together could go on balloon dancing with the world without a fatal bust?

See, finally, the little Jewish tailor who went to the war, fired his gun the wrong way, got into the wrong army, flew his air plane upside-down, lost his memory for twenty years and returned incredulous and unabashed to face the brutal, ridiculous Gestapo. See the little Jewish girl whom he befriended.

We can see it all now. Charlie Chaplin is not, as many people suppose, himself a Jew, but he has chosen the Jewish tailor and his girl to speak as the champions of all men who suffered beneath the Nazi Moloch and all who would defy it. Will there be any among those whose sides he tickles who will go back to their drawing-rooms and, still jabber their mild but shameful anti-Semitism?

England should have vaunted her alliance with the first and still the most harshly-treated of Hitler's enemies. Instead, we were often niggardly in our sympathy. Indeed, there were even some in England who whispered Hitler's faith. They accepted his mystical nonsense of race. Perhaps after all, they said, the Jews only got their deserts.

Charlie Chaplin should shame them. He has given to the little Jew the place of honour in his greatest masterpiece.

He has done more still. He has excelled all his former services to our kind. He has taken all the doctrines of dictatorship, all the doctrines of regimentation which degrade the dignity of man and has exposed them for the shams that they are.

He has asserted the rights of the individual against the monstrous gospel which Hitler enthroned, but to which some even in this land have been ready to bend the knee. Charlie will laugh the nonsense out of them. And perhaps we shall not live in a civilised world until this film can be shown in every capital city before multitudes who, all with good consciences and laugh themselves sick.

From the "London Evening Standard," December 10, 1940.

GERMAN NIGHT RAIDERS SHOT DOWN

(By Wing Commander L. V. Fraser)

IMPROVEMENTS IN both British bombers and fighters are beginning to bring results which already are being recorded in British air communiques. With significant frequency these communiques report the shooting down of Nazi night bombers.

At present counter British night raids can be divided into four separate categories; two direct and two indirect. In direct methods the fighter at night and anti-aircraft ground defences often operate in cooperation. In indirect measures, the fighter sweeps over enemy-occupied territory and takes part in Britain's bombing raids on German bases.

During the months following the fall of France when night bombing really began, these direct methods underwent a change and the R.A.F. accumulated a growing fund of experience. The past three months have seen a great advance in night fighting by British fighters. Not only have there been advanced types of fighters coming into the service but older types have been fitted with new methods to locate and attack enemy raiders.

The task of finding an enemy bomber in the vast expanse of the sky has always been the chief problem with a night fighter. Everything would seem to conspire against success. The pilot alone in a single seater has to deal with all the sounds, but above the roar of the engine instructions are passed by radio telephone. He is often dazzled by the flames coming out from the exhaust pipes, which is reflected in the whirling of the air-screw. The enemy may be anywhere within the grid cube of the sky, 25,000 feet high. He may be changing his course frequently at more than 200 miles per hour.

Enemy 'Planes Reach Home

The night flying pilot has indeed a difficult task. There are many problems, however, which are being rendered less acute by the new British 'planes. Two factors layouts can remove the shining disc from the line of vision of the air-screw. Two pairs of eyes are obviously better than one in peering into the darkness and multi-seat fighters are now being used. Radio communication works in close cooperation with the observer corps and enables some track to be kept of incoming raiders.

Perhaps more important than all these things has been the experience gained from flying under active service conditions at night. The same experiences have made

the progress being made with night fighters and anti-aircraft defences from the ground, these measures can never provide a complete answer in themselves.

The old adage that attack is the best means of defence is true today as ever. The growing power of the R.A.F. can be seen in the intensification of British raids over Germany and German-occupied territory. In these attacks made on the heart of the war effort of the enemy lies the true counter to night bombings. Another old adage says that "prevention is better than cure" and if German bombers can only be destroyed in the aerodromes or factories where they are taking shape, that is just as effective a defence on attempted raids as shooting them down as targets above.

Industries In Flight

Significant among the improvements in bombers is the increasing range. The importance has been lent to this improvement by the German policy of trying to move their major works from the much hammered Ruhr area eastwards. But such is the range of the new and coming British bombers that they will outreach the Nazi war industry wherever it goes.

The Ruhr is only 300 miles away from British aerodromes and though refineries and factories may be moved, the raw materials must remain. Three-quarters of the coal, eighty per cent of the iron and steel which Germany produces come out of the Ruhr neighbourhood. Coal, raw material, prosynthetic oil and the large refineries necessary, will prove extremely difficult to move.

If Germany seeks protection by making her industries fugitive, the R.A.F. will still attack. Distances are diminishing in importance. Moreover lines of communication are still vulnerable and increased traffic will produce a greater dislocation.

From the beginning of the war British aircraft regularly covered great distances. A flight of 1,200 miles was no deterrent. Kalow, 1,550 miles from the English coast, Danzig 1,440, Stettin 1,100, Vienna 1,450 miles away, have been visited. The Alps have been no barrier to British aircraft. That range will steadily increase. It is increasing as the N-1 types of aircraft with a longer range and a greater bomb-load of operations are coming in.

SURRENDER IN THE CITY

Sir George Wilkinson, the Lord Mayor, has remitted one-fifth of his official allowance of £12,500 a year. City's Cash will thus be richer by £2,500.

This gesture was announced at the fortnightly meeting of the Court of Common Council by the chairman of the Coal and Corn and Finance Committee. The statement was received enthusiastically.

BOTHA 1—OUR NEW TORPEDO BOMBER

Britain has a new type of 'plane — a light twin-engined bomber, Botha 1.

It is a torpedo bomber.

To some degree it resembles the Blenheim aircraft. Its performance and armament are secret.

The Botha 1 was designed by Messrs Blackburn.

It is powered by two Perseus engines, and has a span of 59ft., is 51ft. long and 18ft. 3ins. high.

CHAMPAGNE FELIX IS RAIDER

Count Felix von Luckner, now reported to be raiding in the South Pacific, is the same von Luckner who used to give lavish champagne parties on his yacht off New York, it is revealed.

Before the war he was one of Hitler's most ardent socialist propaganda agents in America.

A facsimile letter produced by the News Research Service in New York shows that back in 1931 von Luckner was writing to "My dear Hitler" and recounting his successes.

"I am lecturing in the most prominent circles over here about the aims of the National Socialists, and have told my hearers that only your movement can save Germany, Europe, and America from Bolshevism."

"I am far more helpful here than in Germany since American Youth and Universities are for me. I have been made an honorary member of 110 most prominent clubs, and been given the Freedom of the City by three communities."

Luckner ended. "My most loyal gratitude and candid admiration for all you are doing for our Fatherland."

Miss Paula Davis Luckner, the count's American cousin, denies that he is raiding in the Pacific. She says he is in a Vienna sanatorium, suffering from the effects of too much American champagne and cocktails.

Miss Paula read the following lines in a letter from him: "I have now settled down because of stomach illness, due not so much to our native drink as to American concoction. It has just ripped my lining away."

Recalling Luckner's parties aboard the yacht, Miss Paula said: "Gosh, how champagne flowed! Felix always was like that, but a perfect gentleman. He is the sort young girls fall in love with—Gosh, he was wonderful, then."

THE UNKINDEST CUT—

Columbia Radio, New York, reports that the selling of ice-cream in Italy has been restricted to three days a week.

Sir George has been helped in his decision by the reduced scale of entertainment at the Mansion House in war-time.

In a normal year £12,500 does not nearly cover the expenses of the office. At least one ex-Lord Mayor spent £20,000.

"I can tell
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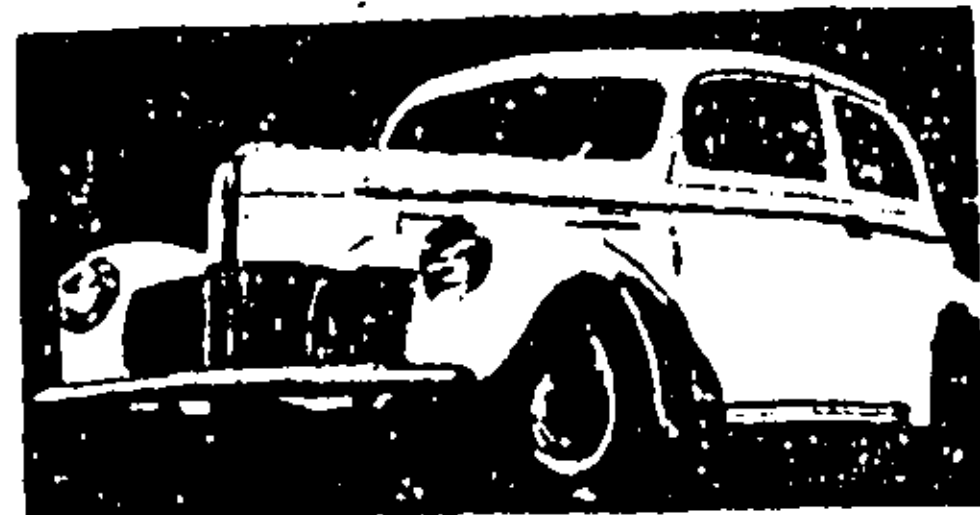
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LIBYA POUNDING AS SEEN FROM A BATTLESHIP

(The Navy's part in the opening of the attack on Bardia is described by a Special Correspondent who was in one of the British battleships which shelled the Italians).

FIRE FROM SEA, LAND AND AIR RAINED AROUND BARDIA ON FRIDAY MORNING IN THE OPENING PHASES OF THE GREAT NEW LIBYAN THRUST.

From the flagship leading the other battleships, as well as cruisers and destroyers, I watched the onslaught from before dawn until a false dusk of battle smoke and sand shrouded the beleaguered Fascist legions from our sight.

We knew that this imposing array of British sea power was destined to play its part by bombarding the area marked by the triangle of the coast, the Italian lines, and the road from Bardia, which strikes inland towards Tobruk.

In the right hand corner of this area was our particular objective Wadi Bahab, a deeply scored gully, where a great deal of Italian motor transport was concentrated.

Hardly a ripple ruffled the sea. Suddenly, ahead, whole clusters of golden stars sparkled and disappeared over the now discernible land. We looked at our watches. It was 5.30 zero hour for the Australians. These winking shells told us they were keeping their rendezvous with Mussolini.

Navy's Turn

When our turn came a screen of destroyers swung northwards. We followed them, but as we did so our 15-in. guns were kept trained landwards, ready for their first broadside to port.

At first we thought that they were going to leave us alone, but then came a little yellow spurt of light with a puff of smoke, and the bursting shell threw up a smoky spout of water half a mile from us. Our six-inchers barked back, and immediately all the destroyers brought their guns to bear. Columns of water sprang up from the base of the cliff.

With their next ranging the light guns hit the cliff face itself, so that it began to smoulder like a volcano. Their third effort landed fair and square on the headland, and clouds began to gather from the bursting shells. The shore battery went temporarily out of action.

Meanwhile, our consorts with their 15-in. guns were echoing our own hoarse war cry. The seconds seemed to tick away slowly as the high-pitched rustling noise of the shells in the air faded away towards land.

Then, suddenly the Wadi seemed to alter shape. Huge black and grey growths, now pointed like daggers, now clustered in curve like the heart of a giant cauliflower, shot up from the valley. The whole coastline echoed with the chorus of this new fury as shell after shell screamed home.

'Plane Signals Hits

Firing was fast as our plane spotter had reported "OK." In the end he signalled nine successive salvos as having found the target of tanks and the other conglomeration of transport vehicles.

The other battleships were engaging other targets, and though we were all firing well north of the town of Bardia itself, the whole coast soon became obliterated by the grim dust from our terrific fire.

Five times each of those 15-in. guns spoke on that northward run, while the six-inch armament was also barking away at two coastal batteries. In a matter of minutes the Battle Fleet had flung practically 150 tons of death into the besieged Italian camp.

Then came the good news from our spotter that he could see tanks and lorries burning in Wadi. The wrecking effect of these huge missiles is much greater than that of an equivalent

airbomb because of the spread of heavy splinter.

Attack Renewed

We prepared to deliver our broadside from starboard as we began a run parallel with the coast again but, this time heading south into the Gulf of Sollum. The cleft in the land which was the Wadi was again visible. Here were the armoured vehicles which might be expected to counter-attack if left unmolested. Though we knew we had got home on them already, we pounded them again.

We had the range of their main armament which was camouflaged among lorries and other vehicles, and, as our commander expressed it subsequently in a broadcast to the ship's company, each of those groups of tanks got "a decent allowance of 15-in. bricks."

GIVING ENEMIES NIGHTMARE

How Hitler is trying to create a nightmare state of mind among his enemies is described by Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," who has just returned to the United States.

Deuel writes "The strategy of terror used by Hitler in the second world war is as incredible and unreal as a nightmare. Almost nothing, it would seem, is too fantastic or bizarre to happen."

Possibly the most shocking and stupefying thing of all things that are happening, he states, is that indecent pictures are being used by the Germans as weapons for the conduct of hostilities.

"They are using them," he adds, "as part of the most gigantic, most systematic, and most skillful attempt the world has ever seen to shatter the nervous systems and wills to resist of whole armies and whole peoples."

These pictures, of postcard size are beautifully drawn and printed in four colours. At first sight they look innocent enough, but when held to the light British soldiers and French women are shown in a degrading scene. The Nazis printed hundreds of thousands of these cards and produced a special type of trench mortar which shot the cards over the French lines.

Typical Methods

The use of these pictures was typical of the tactics the Nazis were using to demoralise their enemies by psychological means. These tactics extended to almost every field of human life and thought and emotion. All were thought out years in advance and based on a diabolical knowledge of the weaknesses of human nerves and human character. They were all employed for the purpose of destroying the enemy's will to fight before the first shot was ever fired.

"The Germans have set out to create a nightmare state of mind among their enemies, to cause nothing less than a collective nervous breakdown on an international scale, and to bring about a paralysis of will on the part of all Western European civilisation."

WHAT GLADSTONE SAID IN 1940

GLADSTONE, THE GREAT LIBERAL STATESMAN, HAS DECLARED THAT BRITAIN WILL ACHIEVE "VICTORY SOONER THAN YOU BELIEVE."

Claims that this message was received through a Bath spiritualist medium have been made by Sir John Anderson, of Rivers Street, Bath.

Sir John, who is no relation to the present Lord Privy Seal, said that the message came during a meeting of a spiritualist circle in his home.

The text of the message was: "Good evening, my friends. Once more I return to your earth. I am William Ewart Gladstone. I have just this last day been with your Premier in the House of Commons."

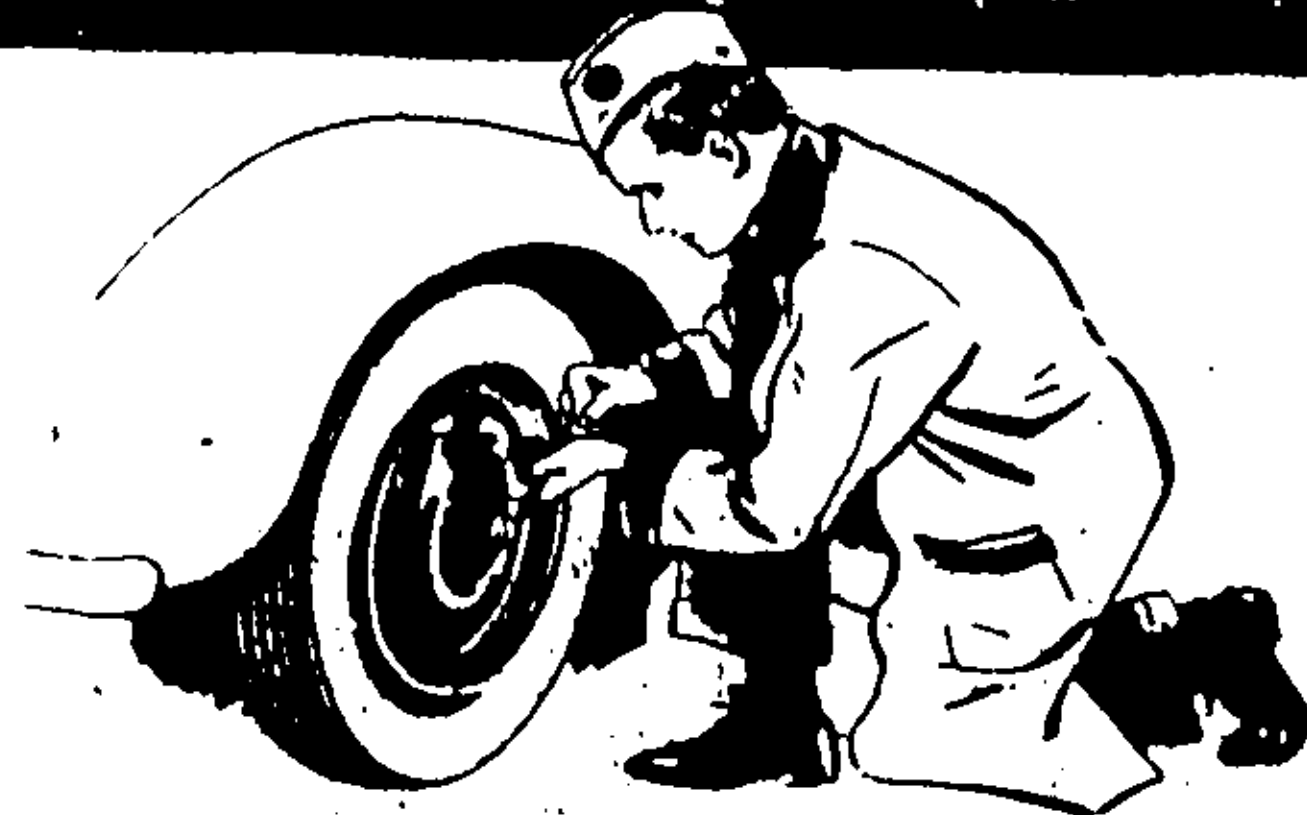
"My friends, you are going to victory sooner than you believe. Good night."

SEA "SLANG"

The latest manifestation of Italian nationalism is a movement to replace by native phrases British shipping terms such as "bills of lading" and "tobacco" which are used internationally.

The "Popolo d'Italia" says "The patriotism of Italian seamen is proverbial. They deserve, therefore, to be freed from a slang which continually reminds them of a people from which they receive the worst of affronts and the most bitter humiliations."

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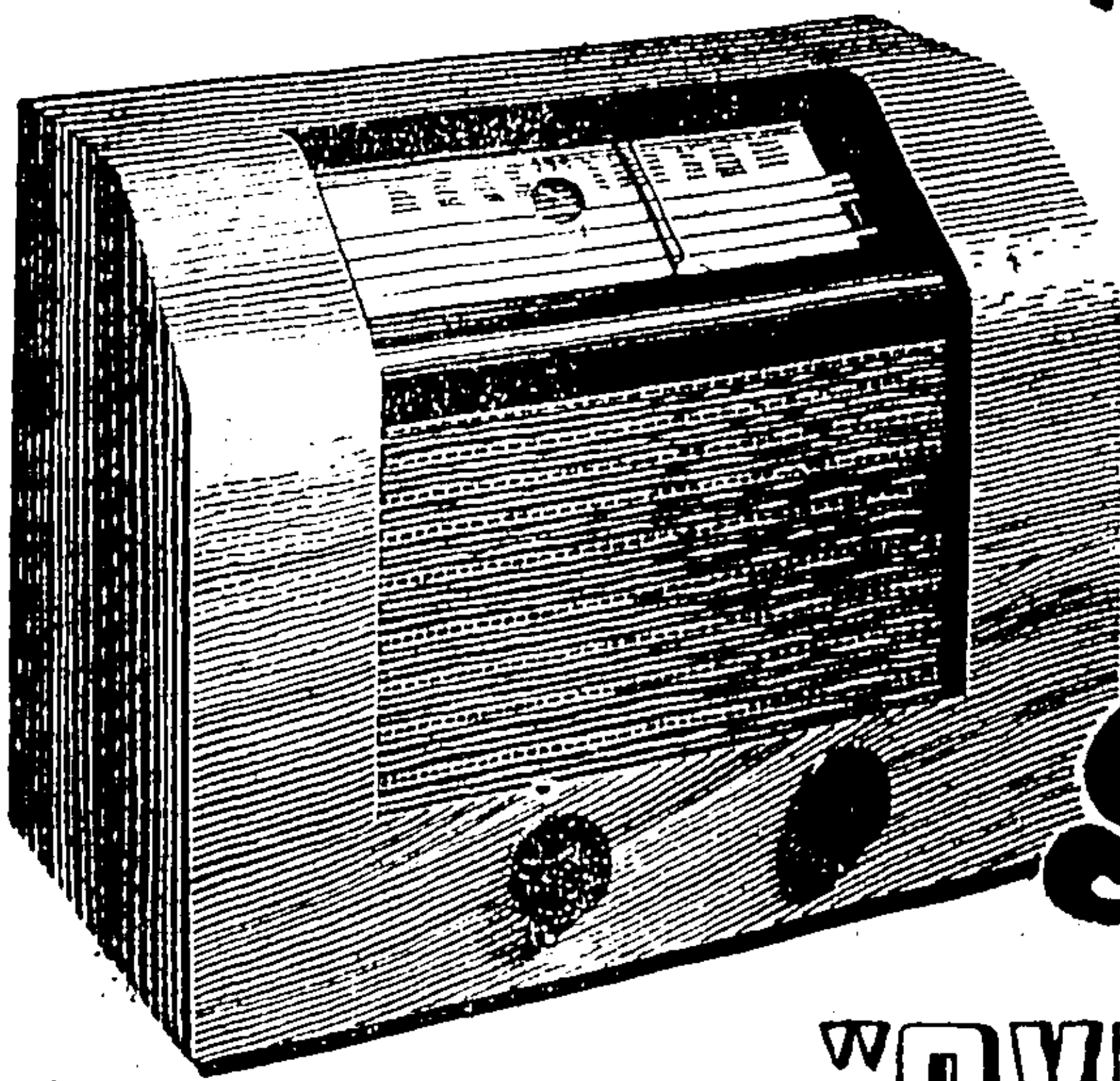


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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

The next Race Meeting, originally scheduled for SUNDAY the 23rd of March, has been postponed to SUNDAY, April the 6th, 1941.

By Order of the Stewards,
T. A. MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than

"six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tifins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 14th March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE comprising:—

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LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 17th March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 18th March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, (2nd Floor)

A COLLECTION OF VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 34

By The Four Aces

"South admits he took a chance in bidding six spades," writes a reader, "but thinks he was rather unlucky in not making it. I think he committed a crime — and perhaps you can use it in your series:

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ Q 8	♥ Q 8	♦ 5 2	♣ 10 9 8 4
♠ K Q J	♥ K Q J 10 8	♦ K Q J 8	♣ 5 4 3
♠ 6	♥ A 7 6 5 3	♦ A 7 6	♣ 5 4 3
♠ A 7 6 5 3	♥ A K J 10 9 7 4 3	♦ 9 2	♣ A 10 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of diamonds, and South dropped the nine without batting an eyelash. Now the choice was between the two red Aces, and West unhesitatingly continued with Ace of diamonds. It was all over then, of course, and South pointed out that with any shift at all he'd have made the Small Slam. Leaving the bidding aside, do you think South was unlucky or a criminal?"

There you are, crime sleuths. Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was a criminal and his crime almost certainly cost him the Slam contract. When West led the King of diamonds, it was absolutely criminal for South to play the nine. West was bound to notice that the deuce of diamonds hadn't been played. If East held the deuce of diamonds, he wanted a diamond continuation; if South had the deuce, a diamond continuation would surely defeat the slam. So South was simply asking to be set when he false-carded in diamonds.

Note that if South plays the deuce of diamonds (we assume East played the three, since he had no reason to do anything else.) West really has a guess. And we think most players would continue with the Ace of hearts rather than the Ace of diamonds. It's wise to note that not all false-cards are deceptive.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3
♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ 8 3
♣ J

The bidding:

Major	You	Schenken	Jacoby
3♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Considering that you passed over the shut-out bid of three diamonds, you have a very fine hand and a very strong suit. This show of strength will take your partner off the spot if he has a borderline double, and may lead to a good Slam contract if he has a very strong double.

Score 100% for four spades, 50% for three spades.

Question No. 663.

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 10 9 8
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 4

The bidding:

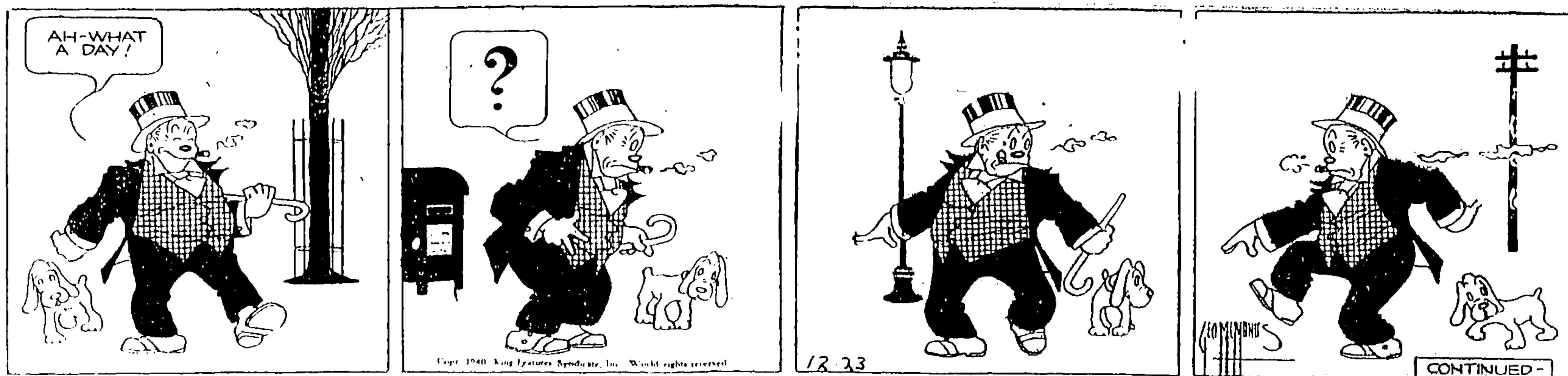
Major	You	Jacoby	Schenken
3♠	(?)		
Pass			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Britain's Strength Is In Its Womenfolk

The value of democracy can be measured in many ways. By the living standard of the ordinary people, by its educational facilities, and, last but not least, by the extent to which women take part in the life of the community.

It is no mere accident that in those countries where women have a voice in public affairs, the people are well housed, have good schools, enjoy a high general standard of health, and have reduced infant mortality.

In all these countries the special abilities which are the undeniable heritage of women are fully used. How democracy enables women to develop their gifts and to shoulder their share in communal responsibility is best illustrated by the accomplishments of Englishwomen during the present war.

Of the many women M.P.s in the House of Commons, I have recently visited Miss Irene Ward at the Palace of Westminster.

Miss Ward, stately and fair-haired, is Chairman of the "Woman-Power Committee," an advisory body which cooperates with the Minister of Labour on matters pertaining to the employment of women during the war. This is the gist of what Miss Ward told me: "The war demands the highest degree of efficiency from everybody and we want to give women the best opportunities of using their abilities. We consider munition-making as only one of many war jobs for women. Every woman ought to find the calling for which her gifts and her training qualify her."

Miss Ward paused to take a paper from a messenger.

"Our committee is not, of course, an employment agency. We ascertain in general where women workers are needed and suggest new openings of employment. The war is creating all sorts of new conditions of life, and women are entitled to a share in their shaping. To do this they must be active in many different spheres of work."

What a triumph of concerted effort if this committee succeeds in its task of placing at the disposal of the community everything that is best in feminine talent and industry!

This co-ordination will be of even greater value when peace finally comes.

Miss Megan Lloyd George Organises Household Salvage

Another women's committee has been established to advise the Minister of Food. It consists of women M.P.s under the chairmanship of Miss Megan Lloyd George. This is what she says:

"The chief task of this committee is to teach people the gentle art of thrift during the war. Particularly the elimination of waste in the use of those commodities which are brought from overseas countries at the risk of men's lives. It is estimated that \$30,000,000 a year, in the imported value of goods could be saved in the United Kingdom if every housewife used foodstuffs in the right way and did not waste edible refuse."

Miss Lloyd George, a slightly built woman not much over five feet in height, stands at the head of an army of salvage experts who have just completed a canvass of 9,000,000 householders. "The public is getting more and more salvage-minded," as they express it modestly.

As a matter of fact these salvage experts are making millions of women public-service-minded. Now every housewife has been made fully aware of the fact that nearly one half of the foodstuffs she uses are imported from the British Empire, she begins to

By—
Alma S. Wittlin

realise that the strength of the British Commonwealth of Nations is based upon a system of give and take, and becomes herself a fully conscious member of that Commonwealth.

Organising An Army of Housewives

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., is one of the few people to whom is given considerable responsibility for the health and security of people in wartime.

This whirlwind of a woman, a striking little figure with a crest of red hair, is responsible to a great extent for the provision of shelters for the civilian population. No more fortunate choice than that of a woman for this post could have been made, for she is familiar with the many little problems of everyday life of ordinary people.

If men and women spending their nights in shelters are to remain healthy, questions of sleeping accommodation, ventilation and hygiene, of providing refreshments, care of sick, etc., are not less important than the constructional technicalities of the shelters.



Love in a cottage is all very grand until the newlyweds learn it needs money as a prop.

So much for Members of Parliament. It would make the story too long if all the women M.P.s were to be written about.

Outside Parliament, there are many women who are doing amazing jobs of war work. Mrs. Ethel M. Newman may be mentioned, the woman member of a committee of nine appointed by the Government to check food profiteering.

Mrs. Newman is no economist; she is a practical housewife who became organiser on a large scale. Miss Caroline Haslett is another outstanding personality. She is the official adviser on the training of women for technical work in factories. She laughs at the idea that women have no gift for technical jobs.

She herself started at ten shillings a week as a clerk and is now the President of the Society of Electrical Women Engineers of which she is the founder.

It has been her achievement to train scores of girls in electrical engineering and to make English housewives "electricity-minded" and keen to use electrical devices in the household. Thus Miss Haslett, who never seems to be in a hurry, has added speed to every day life in her country.

To women abroad Miss Haslett is well-known as a leading personality of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. She is now the president of the British branch of this important association.

Health in The Shelters

It is a great experience to meet Lady Reading. Her full title is Dowager Marchioness of Reading as she is the widow of Lord Reading, a former Viceroy of India.

Despite her exalted title she likes to remember the time when she made her living as a wage-earning secretary. Grey-haired but overflowing with vitality she is the founder of the latest feminine association in England, the Women's Voluntary Services, known as "W.V.S."

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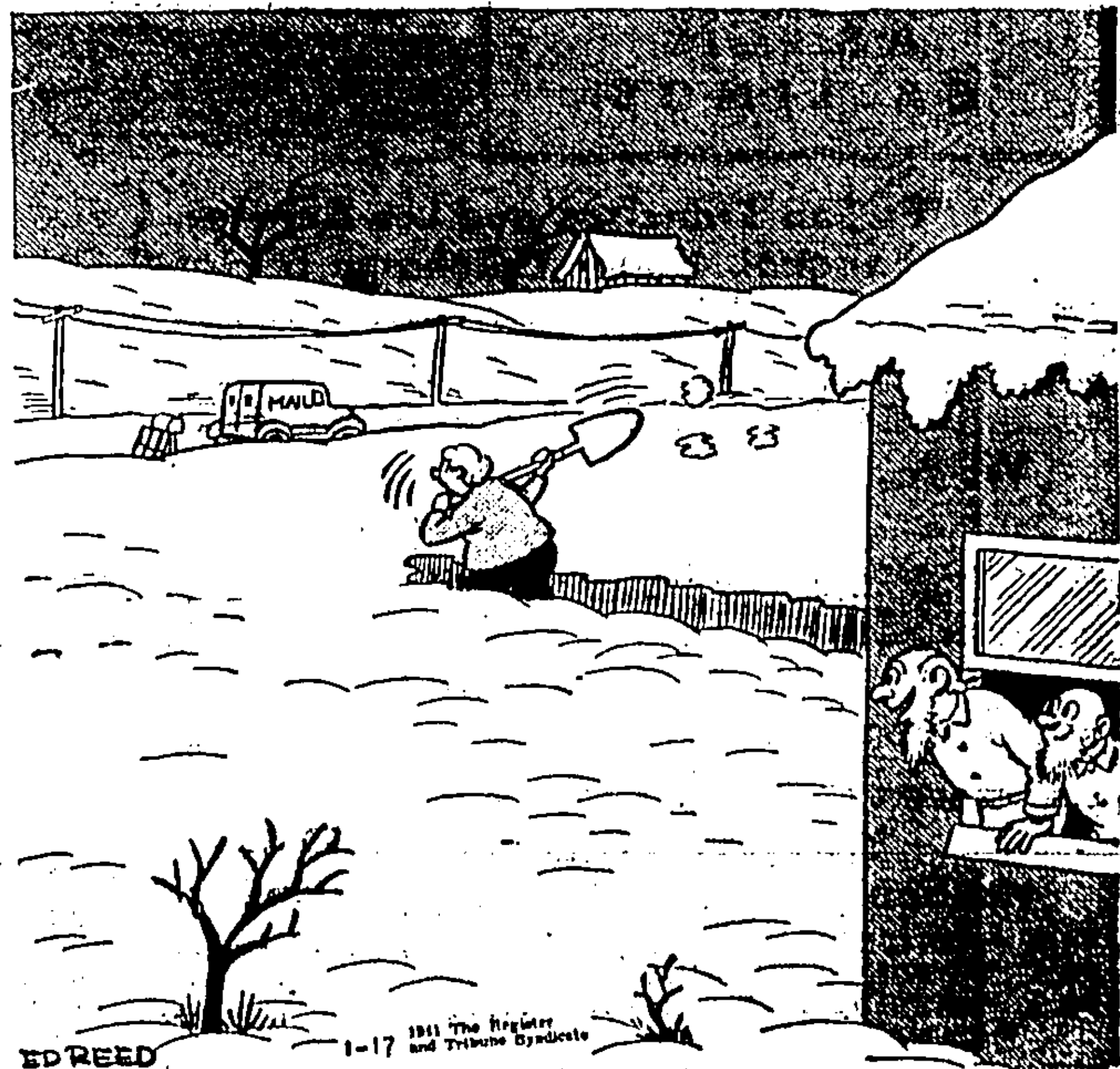
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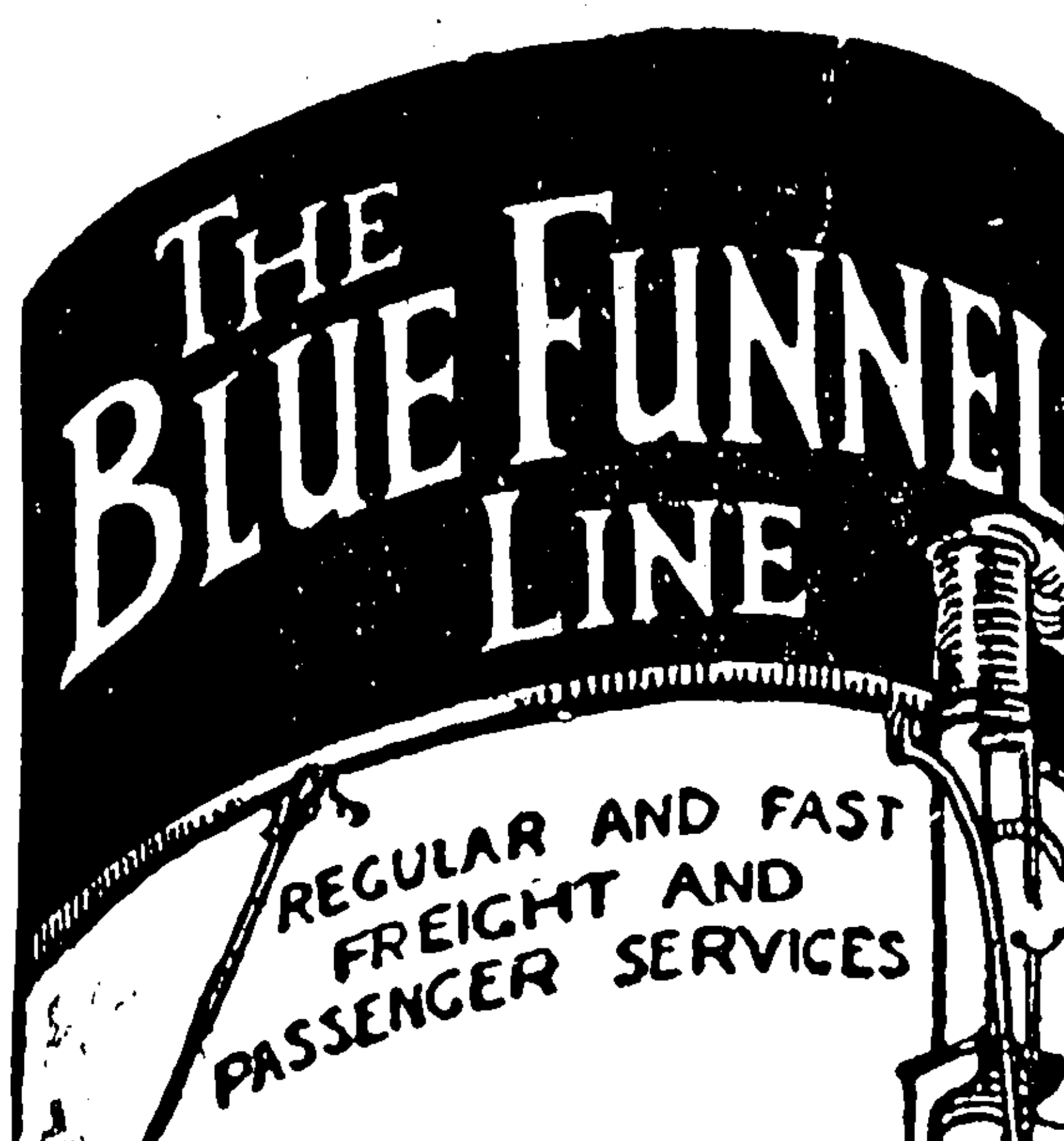


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MONDAY, MARCH 17

9.30 a.m.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Two Supper Overtures.
Morning, Noon and Night—Overture
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.
Overture "Light Cavalry"....
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra
cond. by Sir Adrian Boult.

12.47 p.m.—Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).

The Street Sounds to the Soldiers' Tread (Somervell). Is My Team Ploughing (Vaughan Williams); Birds in The High Hall Garden; O Let The Solid Ground (from Song Cycle "Maud"—Tennyson-Somervell).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre. Recorded in The Finsbury Park Empire.

1.23 p.m.—Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean. With Eric Coates Thru London (Knightsbridge to London Bridge).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.

Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro: Cam ye by Aiholl; Bonnie Dundee; Battle of Killiecrankie; Death of the Chief. Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

The Road to the Isles (Songs of the Hebrides)—arr. Kennedy-Fraser). Greenock Male Voice Choir conducted by A. J. Gourlay.

Reels—Intro: Rachel Rae. High Road to Linto; Fight about the fireside; Brown's Reel. Scottish Country Dance Orch. cond. by Michael Diack.

O Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scotland)—Stephen & Burnett). Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with Piano.

Medley of Scottish Airs Intro. The Highlander. My love she's but a lassie yet; The Persevering Lovers; My faithful fair one. Pipers of the 2nd Batt. The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Deil's Awa' Wi' Th' Excelsior. The Piper O' Dundee. Alexander Carmichael (Baritone) with Piano.

Bonnie Scotland—Intro. Stop yer tickling, Jock; Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond. Four leaf Shamrock. Roaming in the Gloaming; Keep right on to the end of the road. She is ma Daisy. Ye banks and braes. I love a lassie. Comin' thro' the Rye. Auld Lang Syne. New May-fair Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Gossip Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Mozart Programme.

Concerto in G Major Adagio. Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) w. Piano acc.

O Isis and Osiris (from "The Magic Flute") Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Orchestra.

Serenade in C Minor—1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Minuetto in Canon & Trio. Arthur Fiedler's Sinfonietta.

Grant O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro") Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Meet Uncle Sam". Edwin Murrow interviews Alistair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Rossini—"William Tell" Ballet Music. Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.44 p.m.—Eileen Joyce at the Piano.

Etude de concert in F minor (Liszt); Etude de concert in A Flat major (Paul de Schlozer); Lotus Land and Danse Negre (Cyril Scott); Tarentella in A Minor (Harry Farjeon).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Tangos.

A Song Without Words: Venetian Night... Emil Roesz & His Orch.

Supplicio: Yo Sere Como Tu Quieras... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 p.m.—Variety.

Spanish "Electric" Guitar—Dipsomania

Len Fillis with Piano; Comedian—The Seagull Song... Arthur Askey with Piano acc.; Spanish "Electric" Guitar—Mood Ruby...

Len Fillis; Humorous Duologue—Tennis... Clapham & Dwyer; Mandoline—Valse de Concert (Marcello)... Maria B. Scivittaro with Piano; Comedienne—My Lucky Day (film "This week of grace")... Gracie Fields with Orchestra; Mandoline—Souvenir de Sicile—Mazurka (Leonard)... Maria B. Scivittaro

8.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things"

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm (film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses (film "On the Avenue")... Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

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Fox-Trots—The Spider and the Fly; Howdy, Cloudy Morning?... Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

Quickstep—Don't Say Goodbye... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

POLICE JOBS FOR WOMEN?

Clerical work for police forces is likely to be taken over by women to release constables for more important duties.

The women will be paid the normal defence workers' weekly wage of £2 3s. They will not be engaged as police officers and will not receive police training.

Such tasks as car-driving, radio-operating and teleprinting will in future be done by women if the scheme is put into effect.

The plan will shortly be outlined in Parliament by the Home Secretary.

Last August all police authorities in England and Wales were informed that the great need for more police officers, coupled with increased work due to the war, made it inadvisable that large numbers of trained men with full police powers should continue on duties which could be undertaken by intelligent women.

They were asked to make an immediate survey of the position in their own districts; to inquire into the practicability of the large-scale employment of women auxiliaries, and to submit their own views on the proposal.

Most police districts have now completed their reports.

It is estimated that the large-scale employment of women auxiliaries would release between 2,000 and 3,000 policemen for effective duties.

with Piano. Vocal Two Little Doodle Bugs (Friend & Tobias).... Arthur Askey with Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Questions of the Hour"

9.30 p.m.—Heddie Nash (Tenor) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Waltzes—Morning Papers (J. Strauss); Du und Du (Die Fledermaus)—Strauss)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

If I Am Dreaming (from "The Du Barry"—Milloker); The Shepherd's Song (from "Helen"—Offenbach)... Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orch.

Peppermint Waltzes (Robrecht)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Serenade from "The Fair Maid of Perth"—Bizet)... Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Waltzes—Viennese Singing Birds (Translatour); Jolly on the Mountains (Fetras)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

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The story of William's misadventures and of how Sarah eventually extricated him from them to the satisfaction of every one forms the plot of A. A. Milne's brilliant comedy "Sarah Simple" which will be produced by the A.D.C. at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21, and 22 with a cast which includes Sheila Mackinlay, Claude Burgess, Day Sage, Joan Critchett, Tim Fortescue and E. W. Kirby.

Early booking is advised as the Theatre is already almost booked to capacity for 21 and 22 and the A. D. C. look forward to an attendance which will enable them to add a further substantial contribution to the sum of \$5,610 which they have already subscribed to the Bomber Fund and the B. W. O. F.

ALL-FOR-ONE AID PLAN

If any northern town is singled out for a blitz by the Luftwaffe, its neighbours will come to the rescue, both during the raid and after it.

The lesson of Coventry and other bombed cities is that no place should rely wholly on its own plans for coping with the damage and disorganisation.

Cooperation between neighbouring towns is essential, particularly to overcome difficulties concerned with feeding and sleeping centres.

Many cities and towns are re-organising their A.R.P. schemes so that, in case of emergency, their whole organisation can be switched over to help their neighbours. The idea is being developed so that no town need be left at any time without another town to help it.

"One thing we should all prepare immediately," says the Chief Constable of Doncaster, Mr. T. W. Enfield, "is lists of people willing to give temporary accommodation."

The ideal plan is to rush homeless people straight from a bombed city to another near town where arrangements are ready for looking after them.

NAZI WEALTH FINDS LOOPHOLE IN RATIONS

(By A Correspondent)

THE GERMAN PRESS, in a period in which there is a lull in big news, has preoccupied itself with discussion of the food situation in Britain.

It has made heavy capital of reports of inequalities in the British rationing system. Behind this attitude is the task which the Reich faces of making wartime rations palatable to a Nation which, in peace, enjoyed eating well and freely.

Any system of rationing in a country as large as Germany is bound to develop loopholes which permit of privilege and petty forms of bribery. But on the whole the rationing system has functioned to produce a relatively rigid equality of food for all of the people—within those categories of food which are subject to rationing.

Ration Cards Required

During nearly a year of residence in wartime Germany, the writer never has obtained butter or meat without the appropriate ration cards. No Berlin restaurant would dare serve rationed items without collecting cards, in fact the waiter does not transmit the order to the kitchen without first having obtained the card. Care is taken, when staples are short, to see to it that shops in working-class sections are supplied with enough to meet the ration requirements of the district. During last winter's cold spell potatoes were more plentiful in working-class sections than in upper-class areas.

However, this does not mean that the possession of surplus money goes entirely unrewarded at the table.

Actually, there are three categories of food in Germany.

1. Rationed staples.
2. Scarce staples which are doled out according to number whenever your number comes up.
3. Unrestricted luxuries where the old economic law of supply and demand is allowed to operate.

Possession of unlimited money can do relatively little in the first category, but in the second and third it can work wonders. In fact visitors arriving from the outside world get an impression from their ability to subsist in these second two categories that Germany is a land of opulence.

Household As Unit

The second category covers fish and fowl. For the ordinary Ger-

man housewife prices of these have become astronomical. For these items a household is registered as a unit and given a number. I recently examined a card for a household of two persons. During the last five months these two obtained smoked fish twice, no fresh fish, fowl once.

Their fowl consisted of one wing of a turkey and a small piece of breast. But the numbered turn does not apply to hotels and restaurants. The expensive ones, at high prices of course, serve fresh fish, chicken, duck, and goose most of the time. I can be practically certain of finding a pheasant somewhere in Berlin any night of the week providing I am willing to pay the price.

The third category of high-priced luxuries is wide open for the man with money. Lobster, pate de foie gras, and oysters are plentiful at the expensive restaurants. Caviar was plentiful at 15 marks (nominally \$6) a portion until November when it disappeared. Perhaps the new Russian trade treaty will bring it back. But the prices are fabulous. An American with two guests indulged in caviar in the days when it existed. The rest of the meal was simple but the cost to him, even at the registered mark rate, was \$70. A lobster can cost as much as 30 marks.

However, use of these facilities for eating well without the benefit of ration cards is limited and relatively inconspicuous. I know of only 10 places in Berlin where the luxuries can be found invariably. They are shunned by persons in prominent positions.

How To Beat Rations

A less expensive way to eat is to live in the country or on a farm. Persons who take their holidays in remote rural districts report that the importance of food cards diminishes in inverse ratio to the mileage from the big cities. Small mountain resort towns are well patronised this season, in fact reservations had to be made months in advance.

The best way of all to eat well in Germany is to earn the right, through service to the National Socialist Party or to the armed forces, to a permit for one of the occupied countries. Last winter the most prized was a permit to Prague, Czechoslovakia, which still was bursting then with the fruit of pre-war prosperity. To-day Paris still ranks first with the Netherlands a close second. Even permits for Norway and Poland are prized as places where German money at mandatory rates of exchange can work wonders in uncovering luxuries now beyond the reach of the native population.

Generally speaking the advantages which exist are rewards to the faithful, according to Party standards. Since either the retention of inherited wealth or the acquisition of new wealth is increasingly a matter of Party policy, good things outside the orbit of rationing become both a reward and an incentive to Party loyalty.

One can live, even in Berlin, without using food cards at all. But to possess enough money to do so usually means that one is "right" with the right people. Inherited wealth in the hands of someone with "wrong" political views tends to find its way into the Nazi Party's "winter relief" fund or a Hitler Youth swimming pool. Even if a faithful Party servant has not found the money to eat lobster and pate de foie gras at public restaurants, his position usually admits him to clubs where the second category of chicken, fish, and goose are available at reasonable prices.

All this shows how under National Socialism the basis of privilege has shifted.

BOMBED, STAY PUT

Six motor coaches drove up in the black-out to a hall in which homeless air-raid victims were sheltering. The drivers, accompanied by Home Guards, had orders in writing to move the people to safe villages.

But only a small number would go. Most of these Sheffield people were determined to stick it.

"We've made up our minds that we are not going to shift, blitz or no blitz," said one woman.

"We have had two big air-raids and if they come back for another we'll take our chance. We're all fed up to the teeth with this. If anything gets us down it won't be the blitz."

Sleep On Floors

In many of the halls in Sheffield there were no beds or palliasses. Men, women and children have been sleeping on hard floors for six nights.

"Apparently the authorities did not think anything like this could ever happen," a homeless woman stated. "Fortunately there have been plenty of blankets."

In some parts where the original feeding arrangements broke down and there were no mobile kitchens ready to cope with the emergencies, such organisations as the Salvation Army and Y.M.C.A. rushed vans to Sheffield and are serving tea and food in the street.

Soldiers Carry Water

Soldiers are going round with field water-carts supplying sterilised water to queues of people waiting with jugs, buckets and pans.

In one Derbyshire village arrangements were made to receive homeless people: corned-beef sandwiches were made and water was heated ready to make tea, but thirty-six hours went by before any refugees reached the village.

Motherless children of two or three years toddled into the local institute with nervy old men of seventy-five. They all slept on the hard wood floor with a couple of blankets each.

"We are fortunate even to have this comfort," one woman who lost all stated. "We have been herded in public halls on the outskirts of the city waiting to get away to some such retreat as this."

"We were very grateful when at last our time came."

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INEFFICIENCY OF SOCCER REFEREES IS ALLEGED

Council Upholds Referees' Decision On Facts

Eastern Leaving For Manila Soon

THE ALLEGED inefficiency of some referees and the general low standard of refereeing in the Colony at present was the subject of much discussion at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening in the Association's offices.

THE UPSHOT was that the Referees' sub-committee augmented by the appointment of Captain R. E. Guest, Lieut. H. S. Cooper, R.N. and Mr. H. K. Lee were asked to go into the matter and report to the Council.

The primary cause of this, was a protest from Kwong Wah on the handling of the Senior shield game between Kwong Wah and Eastern recently.

The letter stated that Kwong Wah was dissatisfied with the handling of the game and the adverse result to them, was not nearly as much due to inferior play or ability as to very poor refereeing. It further stated that they were penalised to the advantage of their opponents and, in this connection, quoted three incidents, but added that they were not suggesting that the referee was biased.

Mr. Hollands said that a referee's decisions on the laws of the game were final and whatever his decisions were they cannot be over-ruled.

Mr. C. Gungnam proposed that the result of the game should stand as the complaints were on points of fact and the referee's decision was final.

Capt. R. E. Guest pointed out that the Council, as a committee, should see that a game was being properly conducted and suggested that the manager of a team should, if he thought a referee not an efficient official, appeal before the start of the game, but once the referee took the field, he was very much one of the players and his decision could not be altered.

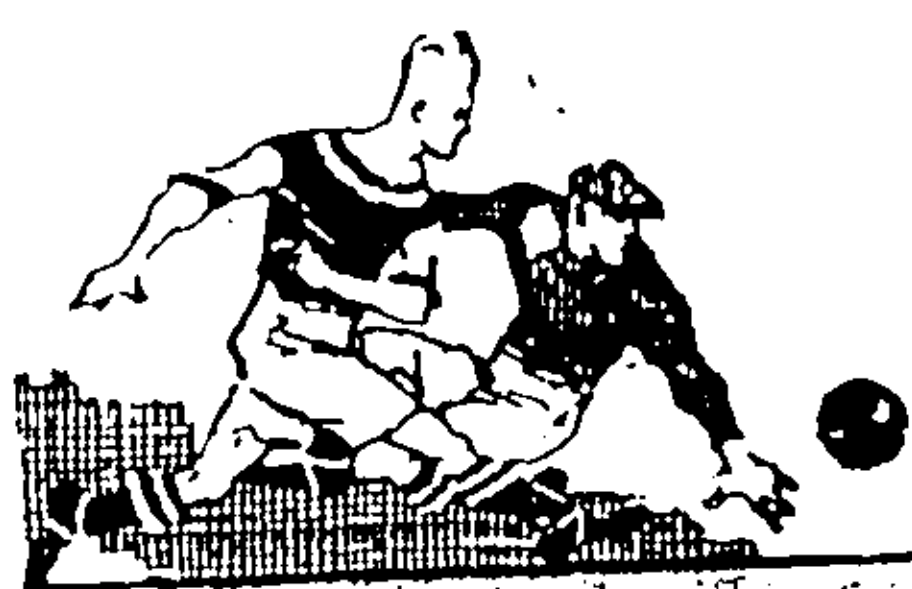
The proposal that the result should stand was put to the vote and was passed.

After the ordinary business had been dealt with the matter was again discussed.

Mr. Hollands suggested that the matter be referred to the Referee sub-committee for inquiry and to report to the Council.

Mr. H. K. Lee (Sing Tao) then referred to the report of the last Emergency sub-committee, which dismissed a charge laid by a referee against Soong Lang-sung (Sing Tao) for violent conduct for want of proof. He pointed out that it was a grave matter for a first class referee to lose control of himself and to accuse a player of violent conduct, and asked the Association to look into the matter.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the game was played at a time when the championship was in the balance and a very important player of Sing Tao was sent off. The actual result was a draw and Sing Tao lost a very valuable point. He added that he only brought the



matter up in view of the other report before the Council.

Reports Welcomed

Mr. R. M. Omar (St. Joseph's) pointed out that at the start of the season he suggested that clubs, having complaints, should make these in writing to the association. He, as a member of the Referee sub-committee and as a referee would welcome any written complaints rather than have verbal remarks and insinuations passed.

Mr. Lee suggested that as the task before the sub-committee would be a tremendous one certain members of the Council be co-opted to deal with the matter.

An application by Eastern to leave the Colony for Manila was granted. They proposed to leave on March 26 and return by April 8.

TAMAR BATSMEN IN FORM

The complete domination of the Tamar batsmen over a Combined eleven from R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. was the feature of a friendly cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Tamar won by 93 runs.

Chief scorers for Tamar were Whiteside, Boyes, West and Hopkins, while Stonor batted well for the Combined XI.

Total (for 5 wks. dec.)... 190
Sharp, Snell, Barton and Jones did not bat.

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Emberson	7	0	54	2
Haskins	6	0	33	0
Hemming	3	0	18	0
Pinkney	5	0	43	1
Stonor	4	0	34	0
Carden	1	0	2	0
COMBINED XI				
Stonor, c Horgan, b Barton	34			
Hemming, l.b.w., b West	6			
Haskins, run out	7			
Pinkney, b Barton	7			
Barnes, c Barton, b West	13			
Carden, l.b.w., b Horgan	0			
Merrick, c Whiteside, b Horgan	5			
Pendergast, b Gay	12			
Stone, c West, b Whiteside	12			
Gardner, c Sharpe, b Whiteside	3			
Emberson, not out	1			
Extras (W4, B9, LB1)	14			
Total	97			
Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
West	8	2	18	2
Barton	10	1	34	2
Horgan	4	0	19	2
Gay	1	0	2	1
Douglas	1	0	2	0
Whiteside	1	0	8	2

SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw for the Semi-finals of the Shield Competitions:

SENIOR
Eastern v Navy
St. Joseph's v South China

JUNIOR
Service Corps v Navy
Sing Tao v South China

ARMY HELD BY NAVY

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Army were held to a goalless draw by Navy in the second game of the Kotewall Charity Cup competition but the latter team had several scoring chances early in the game and in the closing stages.

The outstanding player in the Navy defence was O'Regan, who kicked and tackled well. The defences of both sides had a good hold on the opposing forwards with the result that neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled.

Army had the stronger intermediate-line in which Bright shone, while he was given good support by Birrell and Freshwater.

For the greater part of the game Army was on the offensive but the stout resistance of the Navy backs and faulty shooting prevented a score.

Duffield, on the left-wing, was seen in some good movements and on one occasion Roughley spoiled a good movement of his.

After the interval Navy improved and kept on pressure and though Hendy went through several times he shot wide. Fox had only Giff to beat near the end but he shot weakly and Giff cleared. Soon after the goal-

CLUB PLAY WELL BUT GUNNERS WIN

IN A friendly Rugby game on Club ground yesterday, Combined Royal Artillery beat Club "A" by three tries (9 points) to a goal (5 points) after a scoreless first half.

Club on the whole gave a good show, and in the first half held a superior team in check besides having their share of the play.

Wright-North played well in the first half as forward and in the second half was set at back when he was prominent with his tackling.

In the forward line Olesen and Dalziel were outstanding while Gunnitt hooked amazingly well and thus greatly handicapped the speedy Royal Artillery backs.

Skipwith was outstanding among the Gunners' three quarters, although more scoring might have resulted had he passed sooner on several occasions after having gained valuable ground.

Wederburn, the Army scrum-half, played in the pack and Dobbinson was seen at scrum half but he did not have a very good match, excelling only on the occasion that he scored his try. Page and Bompas were prominent among the forwards.

Club opened the scoring through Carruthers who cut through and scored between the posts for Aitkenhead to convert. Gunners scored shortly after through Richards in the corner but Cook

keeper did well to save a shot from Barrell and later from Weir.

ARMY—Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser; Birrell, Bright, Freshwater; Munroe, Fox, Hossack, Weir, Duffield.

NAVY—Giff; Roughley, O'Regan; Paul, Hazard, Hawkins; Anderson, Le Page, Hendy, Barber, Skinner.

In a Third Division soccer encounter between the Royal Corps of Signals and the 36th Royal Artillery, played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the former won 2-1.

Gunnery were soon in the lead when Marsh scored the second try. In the closing minutes Dobbinson punted ahead and secured possession to score close in. Cook failed to add further points on both occasions.

CLUB—Walkden; Didsbury Milner, Carruthers, Needham; Aitkenhead, Morgan, Dalziel, Godfrey, Olson, McEwan, Wright-Noodt, Heaseman, Dunnitt and Moodie.

R.A.—Easterbrook; Marsh, Sutcliffe, Skipwith, Richards, Hook, Dobbinson; Bumpers, Wedderburn, Delderfield, Turner, Pain, Page, Cooke and McDerinott.

DRAW FOR H.K.C.C. TOURNEY

Following is the draw for the handicap events in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament:

HANDICAP SINGLES
Bye—C. H. R. Oxlade (—3/6) v P. J. Elder (plus 1/6); First Round—G. Campbell (plus 2/6) v R. E. Guest (—15.1); F. W. Carter (—1/6) v V. R. Gordon (—3/6); H. Van Leeuwen (—2/6) v L. P. Ralph (plus 1/6); H. J. Armstrong (—15.5) v E. H. Brazel (—2/6); G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v S. L. Maughan (—2/6); H. C. D. Knight (—2/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (—3/6); T. J. Gould (—15.2) v D. A. Murrdoch (—2/6); A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v H. E. Waller (plus 3/6); T. C. Monaghan (—3/6) v P. Wynter-Blyth (—2/6); M. A. Biersens de Haan (Scratch) v A. T. Dow (—3/6); F. D. Hunter (plus 2/6) v S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6); J. Stirling Lee (—2/6) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6); Bye—D. S. Robb (plus 3/6) v E. R. Childe (plus 1/6).

HANDICAP DOUBLES
Byes—C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—5/6) v E. H. Brazel and G. P. Charlton (—3/6); R. E. Guest and B. Fay (—30) v F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6); L. M. S. Lovd and A. D. Humphreys (—3/6) v C. O. Shackleton and G. F. Harrison (scratch); First Round—H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6); A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (—3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/6); H. Van Leeuwen and M. A. Biersens de Haan (—3/6) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (—15.2); B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow (—5/6) v J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith (—3/6); Byes—G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scratch) v N. Spence and E. Newton (—1/6); W. R. Lambert and N. D. Lloyd (—1/6) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (—15).

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES
Bye—T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15.2); First Round—C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (—1/6); E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (—2/6) v J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley (—15); S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneman (—1/6) v A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (—5/6); Mrs. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel (—3/6); V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (—4/6) v H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell (—3/6); Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (—3/6); Bye—A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church (—3/6).

LUGARD SCORES IN 'VARSITY ATHLETICS

WINNING THE MILE RELAY and the Javelin Throw and scoring in every other final contested yesterday, Lugard Hall ran into a long lead in the annual University inter-hostel athletic championship being decided this week at Pokfulam.

Eliot Hall and Ricci Hall claimed two first places each and Morrison won a single event, the Hop-Step-Jump. May Hall and St. John's Hall were nowhere in the picture.

The sports will be concluded on Saturday when the usual crowds of spectators will be entertained.

THE RESULTS

Results yesterday were:—

220 Yards Low Hurdles Final:—1, T. T. Chin (Eliot); 2, S. H. Liang (Ricci); 3, S. Mahmud (Lugard). Time: 28 1/5 secs.

Javelin Throw Final:—1, N. Singh (Lugard) 133 feet 0 1/2 inch; 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard) 128 feet 1 inch; 3, G. Schiller (Lugard) 120 feet 5 1/2 ins.; 4, S. S. Khori (St. John's) 110 feet 7 ins.

220 Yards Semi-Final:—Heat 1: 1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard); 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard); 3, S. Mahmud (Lugard). Time: 25 secs. Heat 2: 1, S. H. Liang (Ricci); 2, J. Fenton (Morrison); 3, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard). Time: 25 secs.

One Mile Final:—1, K. K. Tan (Eliot); 2, O. V. Cheung (Morrison); 3, V. Vorobloff (Lugard); 4, P. Lut (Morrison). Time: 5 mins. 43 1/5 secs.

Discus Throw Final:—1, Fred Kwai (Ricci) 102 feet 5 ins.; 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard) 100 feet; 3, G. Derkach (Lugard) 86 feet 10 ins.; 4, G. Schiller (Lugard) 86 feet 5 1/2 inches.

Hop, Step and Jump Final:—1, Y. S. Lam (Morrison) 38 feet 11 ins.; 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard) 38 feet 5 1/2 ins.; 3, P. H. Lam (Eliot) 38 feet 4 ins.; 4, S. Mahmud (Lugard) 38 feet 2 ins.

Tug-of-War Final:—Ricci Hall beat Lugard Hall by two pulls to nil.

One Mile Relay Final:—1, Lugard Hall (W. S. Gegg, A. Singh, Ostoumoff and N. Singh); 2, Ricci Hall (R. Soares, B. Barnes, L. Gutierrez and B. Xavier); 3, Morrison Hall (Szeeto Onward, Paul Liu, Y. S. Lam and J. Fenton). Time: 4 mins. 7 4/5 secs.

ST. STEPHEN'S SPORTS

St. Stephen's sports will be held at Stanley on Saturday at 2.10 p.m. Mrs. W. M. Shiu will distribute the prizes.

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FUTURE OF ENGLISH HORSE-RACING BRIGHT

Good Summer Season Envisaged

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE HUMAN BREAST, SOMETIMES WITH GOOD CAUSE AND SOMETIMES WITH VERY LITTLE, STATES A RECENT MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

In the case of English racing there is justification for the attitude, and there is reason to believe that this summer's flat-racing season will be a good one. Not, of course, up to ordinary standards, but pretty good, nevertheless.

Owners have shown confidence in the survival, and revival, of racing by keeping their horses in training, and by buying at recent sales on a fairly big scale. Prices were in most cases a long way below peace-time levels, but a good deal of money changed hands, and the fact that so many horses were bought is a good sign.

Some of the foals fetched good prices, and it is significant that they will not race until 1942. Only the very hopeful expect a season approaching peace-time standard this year, but it is obvious that many owners expect things to be well back to normal a year later.

Horses Sold

Since the war started, many good British horses, including the 1936 Derby winner, Mahmoud, have gone abroad, and the important British bloodstock exporting industry has been maintained. But it is interesting to notice that most of the horses bought at the Newmarket sales are to stay in England.

It will be to the benefit of English racing, as opposed to the breeding and exporting industries, that they should stay at home, but they are not doing so because English buyers outbid those from overseas. The fact is that the details of the sales were arranged in something of a hurry, and it was too late to circulate catalogues abroad.

A great stimulus to racing is the fact that the King will be taking part in the sport again this year.

He has several horses in training with Willie Jarvis, and in addition has sent two yearling colts to be prepared for whatever racing there is this season. They are King's Scholar, by Felstead out of Bread Card, and an unnamed colt by Fairway out of Papilla.

The King's brother-in-law, Lord Harewood, a leading member of the Jockey Club, is also continuing to race, and has sent four more horses to the Egerton House stables.

The future of racing depends on a great extent on the attitude of the Government, but the fact that the King is preparing to go on racing is a useful pointer.

Allnatt Confident

One man with confidence in the future of racing is a new owner, Mr. A. E. Allnatt, a farmer and builder, who spent £10,000 on bloodstock at the Newmarket sales and hopes to win the Derby this year at his first attempt.

The horse he hopes will bring success in the Derby is Sun Lore, a two-year-old by the Derby winner Hyperion out of the St. Leger



Leger. Mr. Allnatt spent £5,000 on Sun Lore and another £5,000 on 11 yearlings from the Aga Khan's stud. They will all be trained by Lawson at Manton.

"Mr. Allnatt has never yet raced a horse," said Lawson to Reuter, "but he is a good sportsman and of the best type as an owner. I hope to do well for him. I shall keep seven of the yearlings, and the other four will probably go to Victor Smyth."—Reuter.

winner Booklaw. Sun Lore is entered in the 1941 Two Thousand Guineas, Derby and St.

NAZIS TAKE FRENCH HORSES OVER RHINE

As was expected, the Germans are sorting out the horses found in the occupied parts of France and sending the best of them to Germany. They will, no doubt, include some of the horses that have beaten all the German opposition in the biggest races of the Reich.

Nearly all the leading French studs are situated in Normandy, which is in the occupied territory. When invasion threatened many of the horses in training were removed to the south, but it was not found possible to do this with most of the mares, stallions and yearlings at the studs, though some of the more valuable stallions were removed.

Stable employees were sworn not to let the Germans know the identity of those remaining, though it is doubtful whether the knowledge can be kept from them long. — Reuter.

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ACCIDENT AT VALLEY

By "Rapier"

An accident, fortunately not of a serious nature, befell Mr. Moller's Russian riding boy this morning.

He took out Velvetlight for its morning exercise, and as the pony walked along towards the winning post, it suddenly became restive, taking the rider completely by surprise and unseating him. His head struck the ground, and he was stunned for a time. The riding boy, however, soon recovered after receiving attention in the jockey room, but he did not ride again, the pony being later taken out by another Russian boy.

IMPERIAL FORCES CLOSING IN PINCERS IN ABYSSINIA

Troops Now Smashing Through To Harar

NAZI VICTORY HYPNOSIS

When one reads Fascist and, in a certain degree, Nazi press representation of the situation, one wonders how the atmosphere is in the Axis lands, says the Swedish newspaper "Gothenburg Handelstidning."

In Italy, the newspapers are up to delirium and do not give an impression of cold confidence in the certainty of victory which convinces a foreign observer.

In Germany the situation is judged more cautiously. Germans speak of the British successes in Africa as "a certain success."

Naturally one can say a commander has had that when his enemy has been as good as destroyed.

Also a certain discomfort is felt clearly, at least in Berlin, about the other African fronts.

All these, day after day, column after column, repeated assurances that "we are winning," have their effects. They come in such abundance that there must be some doubts which it is felt should be removed.—Reuter.

No Serious Resistance Encountered

THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES IN ABYSSINIA ARE SMASHING THEIR WAY BY ROAD IN LORRIES AND TRUCKS TOWARDS THE IMPORTANT CENTRE OF HARAR.

They have covered 120 miles in two days, meeting with no resistance apart from spasmodic air attacks.

Questioned on the possibility of Italian resistance at Jijiga and Harar, a military spokesman in Cairo told Reuter yesterday. "Our forces are making a back door entry. The Italians planned their defences to the north, facing Djibouti and did not expect an offensive from the south."

All round Abyssinia, British and Abyssinian patriot troops are steadily beating back the Italians.

THE ITALIANS FLEEING FROM BURYE TO DEBRAMARCOS HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND THE CROSSING OF THE TEMSHA RIVER, WHERE A STAND WAS EXPECTED.

Double Thrust

In western Abyssinia, the British are making a double thrust along dusty camel tracks and through high elephant grass towards Asosa, where a strong garrison is still holding out.

Sudanese and East African troops captured Afodu escarpment, laying the way open to

Asosa, after ambushing the Italians and capturing four guns and much equipment.—Reuter.

600 Miles North Of Mogadiscio

THE IMPERIAL TROOPS ARE CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCE IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND HAVE OCCUPIED DAGHABUR 600 MILES TO THE NORTH OF MOGADISCIO.

The Italian losses since the British crossing of the Juba River are now estimated at over 31,000.

Announcing these latest successes, British General Headquarters in Cairo say that in other sectors the Imperial troops are continuing their pursuit of the Italian forces retreating towards the Italian border.—Reuter.

ANGER AND SADNESS

"TO-DAY IS A DAY OF ANGER AND SADNESS," DECLARES THE SAIGON NEWSPAPER "L'OPINION" IN AN ARTICLE TYPIFYING INDO-CHINA'S REACTION TO THE PEACE AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND.

The article, headed "Day of Mourning," appeals to Marshal Petain to remember the Indo-Chinese plight.

It adds: "Indo-China will bow to the yoke but will live for the day when justice will be done."—Reuter.

ITALIANS COMMENCE GENERAL OFFENSIVE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Among the latest prisoners captured were 20 officers, including a Naples University professor who confirmed that the Minister of Education, Bottai, was mortally wounded when fighting beside him.

The battle raged for many hours over the whole area, says the Greek Press Ministry.

Fighting was intense and the gruelling fire of the Greek artillery at point-blank range added to the enemy's difficulties.

Italian Losses

All positions captured by the Greeks were firmly held, and the Italians were driven back at the bayonet point.

Three senior officers captured confirmed that Italian losses in Albania total 130,000.—Reuter.

General Offensive

A general Italian offensive along a 12-mile front in the central sector of the Albanian front has developed since dawn on Tuesday, announces the Greek Press Ministry in a statement broadcast from Athens last night.

THIS FOLLOWED ITALIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS OF THE PRECEDING THREE DAYS.

The Italians have been repulsed everywhere with "terrific losses" and the Greek forces retain the initiative, adds the Greek announcement, and "not an inch of ground has been lost by the Greeks."—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

When attempting to raid Britain last night a Nazi raider was shot down in flames.

In the London area a tremendous barrage was heard on some occasions. Veterans of the last war compare the thunderous rumble with artillery land barrages then used.

As nothing like it has been heard before in raids on Britain, it is possible that yet another development in the ground defences is indicated.—Reuter.

The arrival of His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, has been delayed and the vessel in which His Excellency is returning is not now likely to reach the Colony until late this afternoon.

Captain S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., told the "China Mail" this morning, that an announcement may be made later.

His Excellency was expected to arrive at 9.30 a.m. today.

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HITLER'S EFFORT COMING

That Berlin was determined to finish the war in the summer of 1940, was confirmed yesterday by a Belgian author.

HE SAID THAT SENOR SUNER, THE SPANISH FOREIGN MINISTER, WHEN IN FRANCE, TOLD HIM ENGLAND HAD A RESPIRE AT MOST FOR EIGHT DAYS.

They were assured from Germany that American help was small and would never get past the U-boats.

At the same time the President of the United States was attacked for prolonging the war.

How, then, can American help, which shall never reach England, prolong the war? — Reuter.

Untrained Youths Mown Down By Greeks

NEW GERMAN THREAT TO YUGOSLAVIA

It is reported that a new German Note to Yugoslavia demands active assistance for the Axis if Yugoslavia wants a place reserved for her in the new order in Europe. — Reuter.

ITALIAN BLACKSHIRT youth, whom Mussolini used to glorify with his Fascist hymn "Giovanezza," have been flung without proper training into the fighting in central Albania and mercilessly mown down.

A Greek major stated in Athens yesterday that the sight of these youths, being led to such butchery, revolted him.

The youths, who recently arrived at the front, showed their lack of training by the way they ran into the cross-fire of machine-guns, only to be decimated.

One hollow, 60 feet deep and 1,500 feet wide, was covered with their bodies.

Fighting in the central sector in Albania continues to be marked by suicidal Italian counter-attacks and the capture of large batches of war-weary prisoners.

Wiped Out

Italian Blackshirt battalions, counter-attacking to regain vital lost heights, found themselves between murderous Greek fire and their own artillery barrage. Unable to retreat they were wiped out.

Among the latest prisoners captured were 20 officers, including a Naples University professor who confirmed that the Minister of Education, Bottai, was mortally wounded when fighting beside him.

The battle raged for many hours over the whole area, says the Greek Press Ministry.

Fighting was intense and the gruelling fire of the Greek artillery at point-blank range added to the enemy's difficulties.

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GREEKS WILL RESIST

THE NEWLY-APPOINTED ACTING GOVERNOR OF THRACE, M. KOTZIAS, HITHERTO GOVERNOR OF ATHENS, HAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT CAVALLA, A SEAPORT HALF WAY BETWEEN SALONIKA AND THE TURKISH FRONTIER, ON A NARROW STRIP OF TERRITORY BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY BULGARIA AND ON THE EAST BY TURKEY.

A significant order to the local authorities marked his arrival.

He enjoined them to do their duty to their country and reaffirmed the Government's resolve to resist aggression. — Reuter.

YUGOSLAV DEFIANCE HINTED

While German diplomatic pressure on the Yugoslav Government is believed to continue strong, the atmosphere in Belgrade generally is more cheerful, as it is believed by the public that a decision has been taken that German aggression would be resisted.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN BELGRADE DECLARED LAST NIGHT THAT A NEW GERMAN NOTE HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO YUGOSLAVIA, CONTAINING PROPOSALS FOR "ACTIVE ASSISTANCE" FOR THE AXIS IN RETURN FOR A RESERVED PLACE FOR YUGOSLAVIA IN THE "NEW ORDER" IN EUROPE.

Precise nature of the proposals is not indicated but it is believed they will be rejected, as it now appears clear that Yugoslavia wishes to remain neutral rather than non-belligerent.

Following receipt of the Note from Germany, the Foreign Minister made a report to the Regency and later the proposals were examined at a special meeting of the Government. — Reuter.

R.A.F. DAYLIGHT RAID ON DUTCH OIL PLANT

A DAYLIGHT RAID on occupied Holland on Tuesday by R.A.F. bombers is announced by the Air Ministry.

Single aircraft bombed an oil storage plant at Rotterdam and a factory near Utrecht. Details of the weight of the R.A.F. attack are expected later.

Meanwhile, the German air force, after concentrating most of its attack on Monday night on the Portsmouth area, losing altogether seven aircraft, sent a stream of planes over the South Coast on Tuesday night on scattered targets.

One Heinkel bomber so far is confirmed to have been shot down off the east coast of Scotland.

Three members of the crew were rescued from a rubber dinghy after the plane sank.

Midlands Visitations

Small groups of German planes operated over a wide area in the west Midlands—according to Nazi sources they attacked Birmingham—but no serious incidents occurred anywhere.

Fire watching parties dealt ably with hundreds of incendiaries and oil bombs scattered over a wide area.

There was a number of casualties from high explosive bombs, mainly in one town.

A BRITISH FIGHTER DESTROYED AN ENEMY PLANE ON AN AERODROME IN NORTHERN FRANCE ON TUESDAY NIGHT AND ANOTHER ENEMY PLANE WAS DESTROYED BY R.A.F. COASTAL COMMAND AIRCRAFT ON PATROL IN DAYLIGHT ON TUESDAY.

No R.A.F. planes are missing from operations on Tuesday or Tuesday night. — Reuter.

MATSUOKA LEAVES FOR BERLIN

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, left Tokyo last night for Berlin and Rome for talks with Hitler and Mussolini.

Accompanied by a staff of 11, he was seen off by the Ministers

NEW A.A. DEFENCE?

When attempting to raid Britain last night a Nazi raider was shot down in flames.

In the London area a tremendous barrage was heard on some occasions. Veterans of the last war compare the thunderous rumble with artillery land barrages then used.

As nothing like it has been heard before in raids on Britain, it is possible that yet another development in the ground defences is indicated. — Reuter.

of War and Navy, other Cabinet Ministers, the Army Chief of Staff, Italian, German and Rumanian diplomats and a number of German and Italian officers.

Hundreds of people thronged the station cheering as the train left. — Reuter.

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Allied Diplomats Of Small States Humiliated

Istanbul Bombs Planted In Sofia

NO COMMENT IS available in official quarters in London on the bomb outrage at Istanbul in which Mr. George Rendel, British Minister to Bulgaria, was nearly a victim, as details have not yet been received.

News has been received, however, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, of the humiliating and cynical treatment of the Polish, Belgian and Dutch representatives by the Bulgarian authorities.

When the German occupation of Bulgaria became a fait accompli, the Ministers of these countries requested the usual diplomatic facilities in order to leave Sofia.

THEY WERE INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD LONG SINCE CEASED TO RECOGNISE THEM AS THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, BUT ONLY AS EXILE REFUGEES.

The Dutch and Polish Ministers were further told that the Bulgarian Government was prepared to make every effort to facilitate their movements if they wished to return to Holland and Poland.

Cynical Impertinence

It is felt in authoritative London circles that it would be hard to find a parallel for such a cynical impertinence in the treatment of properly accredited diplomats.

It was owing to this attitude of the Bulgarian authorities that Mr. Rendel delayed his departure until his three colleagues and their staffs were safely across the frontier.

Meanwhile, confirmation that the bomb which exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel was secreted among the baggage of the British Legation party while still in Sofia, is contained in an official statement issued following enquiries in Istanbul.

Official Statement

The statement says: "Two valises which had been placed among the luggage of the British Legation staff at Sofia prior to the special train's departure arrived here and one was taken to the hotel, where it exploded a few moments after arrival."

The statement adds: "The second valise was found at another hotel among the baggage of a member of the British Legation staff."

"Following the explosion this gentleman became suspicious and, on opening the valise, found an internal machine resembling a wireless battery."

"He submitted it to expert examination which revealed that it contained explosive material. This was rendered harmless."

"Three persons were killed and 22 injured. The inquiry is proceeding."

Two Policemen Killed

Two policemen and a chambermaid were among those who lost their lives in the explosion, it is officially confirmed.—Reuter.

DOUBLED AIM

WINCHESTER IS ONE OF FOUR CITIES AND TOWNS WHICH, ON COMPLETION OF THEIR WAR WEAPONS WEEKS, HAVE RAISED MORE THAN DOUBLE THE AMOUNT AIMED AT.

Winchester, aiming at £320,000, raised £651,163.

Colonial help for the Red Cross St. John Fund in London, meanwhile, comes from the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross, who have sent £5,000. The money is a re-

MUSSOLINI EXAMINES THE WRECK

Mussolini has been in Albania for the past five days, supervising operations, reported Athens radio last night.

The Duce is reported to have said he is returning to Rome on Saturday.—Reuter.

PLIGHT OF BRITISH SHIPPING ON THE CHINA COAST

THE PLIGHT OF BRITISH shipping, in the face of Japanese obstruction to the re-opening of the waterway to Canton, was mentioned by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons. Bilston) in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hannah suggested retaliatory measures on Japanese shipping in British ports.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that negotiations had been progressing for some time but without result, and representations were made to the Japanese Government.

"His Majesty's Government have under constant review such measures as it may be possible to take to remedy the existing situation, and a report on the latest position has been called for," Mr. Butler added.

Mr. Hannah requested information about the seven-point programme of the Peiping Anti-British Association.

Mr. Butler outlined the activities of the association and added there was no proof that the movement receives direct support from the Japanese authorities but anti-

British speeches were made over the Peiping central broadcasting station, which Japan controls.

The movement did not appear to have assumed any degree of importance but further developments would be closely watched.

Shanghai Situation

Suggesting that the whole position under which trade is done at Shanghai was "extremely unsatisfactory," Mr. Hannah urged Government to call for a report from consular officers, especially regarding allegations of a widespread system of bribery exacted by Japanese officials.

Mr. Butler drew attention to his previous reply and added that Government had been kept fully informed about trade conditions in Shanghai.—Reuter.

Peiping Programme

The programme of the anti-British committee in Peiping, Mr. Butler said, includes activities such as warning Chinese landlords to give notice to British tenants, investigating British goods and trade, bringing pressure to bear on those in British employment to leave, and intensification of anti-British propaganda generally.—British Wireless.

RHODES ISLAND AIR BASES HEAVILY BOMBED

RHODES ISLAND, in the Dodecanese, was subjected to a heavy raid by R.A.F. bombers during the night of Monday/Tuesday.

Calato, an enemy aerodrome half way between Linkos and Lakania, was bombed, causing a large fire in the south-west corner of the aerodrome, following four heavy explosions and several smaller ones.

An R.A.F. Middle East communique announcing these operations says that aerodromes at Maritza and Kattavula were also attacked, causing fires.

It was the second night in succession that aerodromes on Rhodes were bombed. Considerable damage was done to dispersed enemy aircraft. All the British planes returned undamaged.

Albania Raids

Troop movements and motor transport on the Glava-Buzi road, in Albania, were again attacked on Tuesday, when British fighters intercepted a large formation of enemy fighters in the central front sector, five being shot down and a number of others severely damaged.

Further attacks were made on a railway in Eritrea.

Regarding operations in Abyssinia, the communique says enemy motor transport on the Jijiga-Harar road was machine-gunned and an Italian bomber in Jijiga aerodrome shot up by aircraft of the South African Air Force.

This aerodrome appeared deserted.

Fighter Protection

Fighter aircraft gave advancing British troops protection.

It is now known that five enemy aircraft were destroyed in the raid on an enemy aerodrome on Tripolitania announced on Tuesday.

The communique adds that enemy aircraft raided Malta during the night of Monday/Tuesday but caused only slight damage.

One German heavy bomber was shot down by British fighters, and A.A. destroyed another enemy aircraft.

From all operations the British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

PURPOSE OF MATSUOKA JOURNEY

Mr. Matsuoka's trip to Europe is evidence how much Japan "expects from the Tripartite Pact and how she places full confidence," states the Tokyo "Yomiuri Shim-bun."

"The journey will disillusion England and America, who are hoping that Japan's defection from her Axis partners will disrupt the pact."

The paper adds: "What Mr. Matsuoka is seeking is a strengthening of the Axis through complete understanding among the three signatories, as well as a better grasp of the outlook on the international situation."

"Only then can a formula for settlement of the China conflict and the policies of wartime diplomacy be firmly established."

Recalling the Imperial Rescript issued last year, when the pact was signed, the paper emphasised that Japan's objective lay in "enabling each nation to find its proper place and all individuals to live in peace and security."—Reuter.

ATTACKED ITS LAST CONVOY

WHILE MAKING OUT REPORTS OF AN ACTION WITH A HEINKEL, WHICH THEY ENGAGED WHEN IT WAS ENDEAVOURING TO ATTACK A CONVOY, THE CREW OF A COASTAL COMMAND BOMBER LEARNED THAT THE ENEMY MACHINE, WHICH THEY LAST SAW MAKING OFF INTO THE DARKNESS AFTER THE REAR GUNNER HAD SENT A STREAM INTO THE FUSELAGE, HAD CRASHED AT SEA.

Flares and distress signals were seen and a naval vessel found the wrecked enemy aircraft when she went out to investigate.

A Heinkel 59 seaplane was also destroyed off the Danish coast by a Hudson of the Coastal Command which closed the range to 100 yards before forcing the enemy down. The Heinkel landed on the sea and sank quickly while the Hudson circled overhead looking for survivors.—British Wireless.

warehouses were hit and, soon afterwards volumes of smoke rose high into the air.—British Wireless.

KIEL RAIDED IN MOONLIGHT

DESCRIBING Tuesday night's attack on Kiel, the Air Ministry news service states that aircraft of the Bomber Command flew through thick cloud until they reached the Friesian Islands.

There the sky cleared and very soon the ground was moonlit so that pilots were able to map read their way to Germany.

The Kiel Canal was visible from a distance of 50 miles. At Kiel the docks and town stood out in such sharp relief that pilots could see some of the small creeks were icebound though the main waterways were clear.

In spite of a concentrated barrage from this well-defended naval base the pilots took their time and many were over the targets for over half an hour.

The clear weather and the great care taken to ensure hitting the target leave no doubt about the result.

Shipyards Hit

Many sticks of bombs were seen to burst on a shipbuilding yard as on other docks. One pilot counted five bursts right across the docks, the first exactly at the water's edge.

In the shipbuilding yard a large explosion followed the bombing and there was an extensive fire in the industrial centre of the city.

Attacks were also made on Bremerhaven, where a number of

MR. CHURCHILL THANKS AMERICA

"Generous And Far-Seeing Statesmanship" Commons' Outburst Of Applause

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS VENTED THE LOUDEST CHEERING FOR A LONG TIME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE AMERICAN LEASE AND LEND BILL. EVERY SENTENCE PROVOKED A NEW AND LOUDER OUTBURST.

"I am sure," said the Premier, "that the House would wish me to express our deep and respectful appreciation of this moment of generous and far-seeing statesmanship."

"The most powerful Democracy has, in effect, declared in a solemn statute that they will devote their overwhelming industrial and financial strength to assuring the defeat of Nazism in order that nations, great and small, may live in security, tolerance and freedom."

"The Government and people of the United States have written a new Magna Carta which not only has regard to the rights and laws on which a healthy and advancing civilisation can alone be reached, but also proclaims by precept and example that it is the duty of free men and nations everywhere to share the responsibility and the burden of enforcing them."

"On behalf of the Government and the nation and in the name of all freedom-loving peoples, I offer the United States our gratitude for her inspiring act of faith."

When the Commons are particularly wholeheartedly behind any Government statement they try to emphasise the fact by asking no supplementary questions.

Broadcast Suggested

Hence there were cries of dissent when the Liberal National, Mr. Granville Ross, put a question proved to be designed to underline the country's gratitude to the United States.

He asked whether "in view of the great importance of this statement, the Premier will consider a broadcast to the United States in similar terms and on a wavelength which could be heard by the British people."

Mr. Churchill replied: "I must choose the exact moment."

By a coincidence, six members of the United States military

EXPANSION OF N.Z. FORCES

The rapid expansion of the New Zealand forces to resist every possible attack, was stressed by Sir Cyril Newall, the new Governor-General, at the opening of the Dominion Parliament in Wellington yesterday.

Every possible step, he said, was being taken to meet any emergency and with the increasing demand for manpower, the Government may have to arrange a still further diversion of labour from non-essential to essential industries.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, said that the safe conveying of Australian and New Zealand troops from England to the Middle East has strengthened their faith in the efficiency and sea power of the British Navy.—Reuter.

MR. MACDONALD INSPECTS AIRMEN

Pilots and airmen serving in Britain with a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron of the Army Cooperation Command were inspected yesterday by the newly-appointed High Commissioner to Canada.

Mr. Macdonald said his visit would enable him to give people in Canada an impression of their fight and work in Britain and of the great part they are playing in the common struggle.—British Wireless Service.

Roosevelt's Message To Congress

"I STRONGLY URGE THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF THIS APPROPRIATION," DECLARED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TRANSMITTING DETAILED ESTIMATES FOR \$7,000,000,000 FOR AIDING BRITAIN AND THE ALLIES.

The budget director splits the appropriation into several categories, of which by far the largest is \$2,000,000,000 for aircraft and aeronautical material.

In addition to other large sums for various armaments, the appropriation includes \$629,000,000 for vessels, boats and other watercraft and equipment supplies and spares.

Another item is \$200,000,000 for testing, inspecting and repairing defence articles for the government of any country whose defence the President deems vital to the defence of the United States.

This presumably would be used partly for repairing British warships at American bases.

Adequate Arsenal

Striking phrases in President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Rayburn ran:—

"Our country is determined to do its part in creating an adequate arsenal for Democracy. This great arsenal will be here in this country. It will be the bulwark of our own defence, it will be a source of tools of defence for all Democracies who are fighting to preserve themselves against aggression."

Plans are being formulated, to rush the President's request through Congress.

The Appropriations Bill will probably be ready for debate on Monday and Tuesday. The House Appropriations Committee will begin hearings to-day. President Roosevelt called a

meeting yesterday afternoon of Government witnesses who will testify before the Committee.

Mr. Rayburn declared: "We shall put everything else aside."—Reuter.

OFFICIAL AGENT ARRIVES IN LISBON

MR. AVERILL HARRIMAN ARRIVED BY AIR IN LISBON YESTERDAY ON THE WAY TO LONDON, WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN CO-ORDINATING THE DELIVERY OF WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN UNDER THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

With him, also on the way to England, was Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador to the exiled Governments of Poland, Belgium, Norway and Holland.

Another arrival—from Egypt—is Mr. Fish, new U.S. Minister to Portugal.—Reuter.

MR. EDEN VISITS EGYPTIAN PREMIER

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, visited the Egyptian Foreign Ministry yesterday and had an hour's talk with Hussein Siry Pasha, the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Eden also visited Prince Mohammed Ali.—Reuter.

HITLER TURNS UP AT LINZ

Hitler unexpectedly arrived at Linz, in Austria, last night to participate in the celebrations commemorating the "liberation of Ostmark three years ago," says a Linz despatch to the German news agency.—Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE NO SHOCK ATTITUDE

"We expected it and the German leaders had made allowance for it in their plans."

This appears to be the line taken by all the Nazi papers towards the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill.

THEY ASSURE THEIR READERS THAT THE MEASURE CANNOT AVERT BRITAIN'S FINAL DEFEAT.

A semi-official statement in Berlin declares it has not come as a surprise to the tripartite powers.

It adds that final approval of the Bill has merely legalised existing practice. The Wilhelmstrasse declares the Act can only prolong the war, not shorten it.—Reuter.

RELEASE OF MANY DETAINEES

Altogether 129 persons who had been detained under the Defence Regulations were released during January.

This is revealed in figures published in a Home Office report to Parliament dealing with particulars of the detention and release of persons detained under Regulation 18B.

On January 31 there were 377 persons in detention. During that month 18 persons were

detained, all of whom were British subjects, although eight were of enemy origin.

During the whole period of operation of the Regulation up to January 31 the Home Secretary had given 1,026 decisions in cases reviewed by advisory committees to which detained persons may appeal against detention.

Of these decisions 950 accorded with the recommendation of the committee.—British Wireless.

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FOLLOWING QUICKLY UPON ADMIRAL DARLAN'S THREAT TO CONVOY FRENCH FOOD SHIPS, AUTHENTIC INFORMATION COMES THAT UNOCCUPIED FRANCE IS ACTUALLY PRODUCING WAR MATERIALS FOR GERMANY.

A number of firms there are engaged on orders for the German High Command, making aeroplane parts, sections of tanks, aluminium fittings, munitions and motor-boats, it was stated yesterday at the British Ministry of Economic Warfare in London.

It is possible even that some of the barges Hitler hopes to use for invading England are being made by Frenchmen.

It is also known that German and Italian commissions in Marseilles and other parts of unoccupied France see to it that substantial quantities of cereals, oil, copra and phosphates, shipped from North Africa, are directly entrained for Germany.

Free Discussion

The statement is being examined in London and, as every phase of the war is the subject of free discussion between Britain and the United States, it may be assumed that it is also under consideration in Washington.

Britain has always been prepared to let food enter unoccupied France, where 90 per cent. of the population are pro-British, provided there is a guarantee that French people will consume it but such a guarantee has not been forthcoming so far. — Reuter.

JOCKEY CLUB'S GIFTS

The Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club have allocated further amounts to War Funds and War Charities as follows:—

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Post Bomber Fund	\$83,802.03
British Fund for Relief of Distress in China	83,802.03
British War Organisation Fund	30,000.00
St. Dunstan's	£1,000
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The first two items represent the nett proceeds of the Special Sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby.

These contributions will bring the total distributed by the Jockey Club to War Funds and War Charities to \$527,000 or approximately £32,800.

The Stewards also announce that the Nett Proceeds of the next big Sweep, "The Lantao Handicap," to be run on 2nd June, 1941, will be devoted to British War Funds and the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

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Soviet View On Far East

The Pacific situation remains tense despite the settlement of the Thai-Indo-China dispute, comments the Soviet Army organ "Red Star" in Moscow yesterday.

"After the new frontier between Thailand and Indo-China is traced, the influence of Japan in this part of the Pacific will be increased," the paper writes.

"Therefore, though the conflict between Thailand and Indo-China is solved for the present, the situation in the region of the South Seas—where there is a concentration of Japanese warships with corresponding British and American measures—remains tense.—Reuter.

BOTTAI'S DEATH DENIED

AN OFFICIAL DENIAL THAT BOTTAI, FASCIST MINISTER OF EDUCATION, AND CIANETTI, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR CORPORATIONS, WERE KILLED IN RECENT FIGHTING IN ALBANIA, WAS GIVEN IN ROME YESTERDAY.

It appears, says the official statement, that both Ministers are in excellent health and that a major named Bottai, who had no connection with the Minister, has been made prisoner by the Greeks.—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARGRAFT AT SAIGON

A large newly-built Japanese torpedo-boat arrived in Saigon yesterday. A number of Japanese bombing planes are also visible at Saigon airport.—Reuter.

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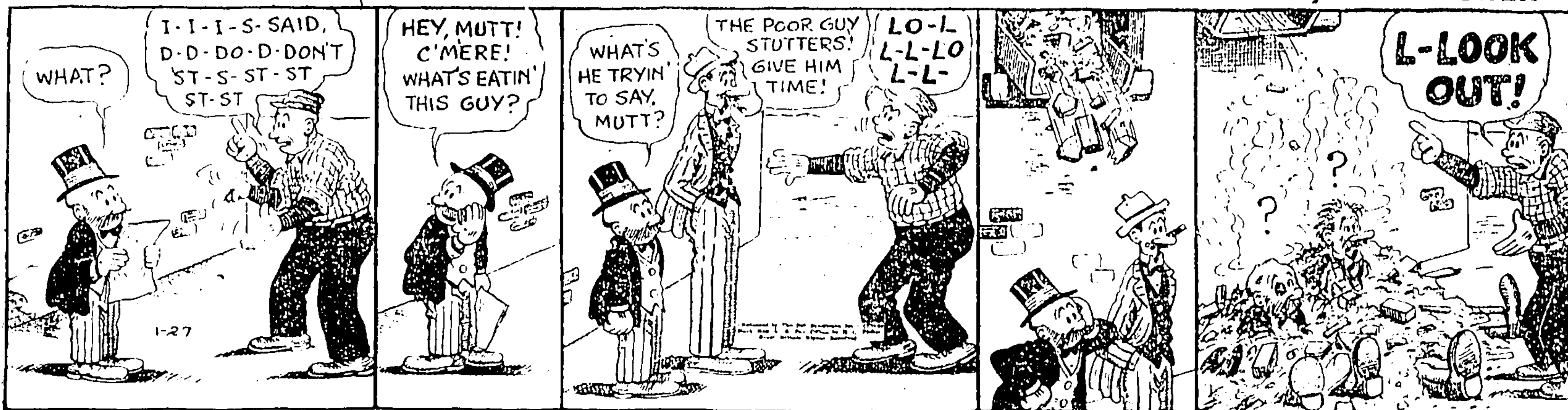
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DUTCH SECRET SOCIETY HARASSING THE HUNS

THE MIAMI "HERALD" says Nazi guns may have subdued the Dutch army but they have not conquered the Dutch spirit.

It appears, says the paper, that a secret society has been functioning, aimed at the German invaders.

WAR AND GOVERNMENT SERVICE

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR WHO MAY SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN THE PRESENT WAR WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT.

It has been decided to accept the general principle that where a considerable preference will be given to a man with war service to his credit, and the rules prescribing that educational qualifications for a

Poison weapons, mistreatment of German soldiers, sniping and pulling Nazis into canals and rivers, were some of the methods used to get rid of the hated oppressors.

There is much hope in what the Netherlands have plotted and done. It shows what Hitler must face. It shows that while he may occupy a country he does not hold the people.

All little nations taken over by the Nazis will be ready to turn against the aggressor and beat them to bits when the opportunity arises, and that chance will come. They will smash the German machine eventually. — Reuter.

particular services are to be subject to proper safeguard, will be relaxed so as to permit the recruitment of men who are prevented by their service in the armed forces from acquiring these qualifications. — Reuter.

NAZI VICTORY HYPNOSIS

When one reads Fascist and, in a certain degree, Nazi press representation of the situation, one wonders how the atmosphere is in the Axis lands, says the Swedish newspaper "Gothenburg Handelstidning."

In Italy, the newspapers are up to delirium and do not give an impression of cold confidence in the certainty of victory which convinces a foreign observer.

In Germany the situation is judged more cautiously. Germans speak of the British successes in Africa as "a certain success."

Naturally one can say a commander has had that when his enemy has been as good as destroyed.

Also a certain discomfort is felt clearly, at least in Berlin, about the other African fronts.

All these, day after day, column after column, repeated assurances that "we are winning," have their effects. They come in such abundance that there must be some doubts which it is felt should be removed. — Reuter.

WEALTHY ANZAC'S GENEROSITY

Mr. Alma Baker, wealthy New Zealander resident in Malaya, has given £30,000 for six fighters and has sent an appeal through Lord Beaverbrook for further Empire flights and squadrons.

"I am doing my utmost to see that should I die before victory my present private expenditure is to provide a gift of one fighter each three months," he says. — Reuter.

RAFFLE RESULT

The raffle for a pair of Tonkin Silver Bracelets, given by Mrs. Stanley Mason in aid of the B.W.O.F., was drawn by Lady MacGregor at Government House yesterday.

The winning ticket was No. 87, held by Lieut. H. O. Bramble, and the proceeds amounted to \$132.

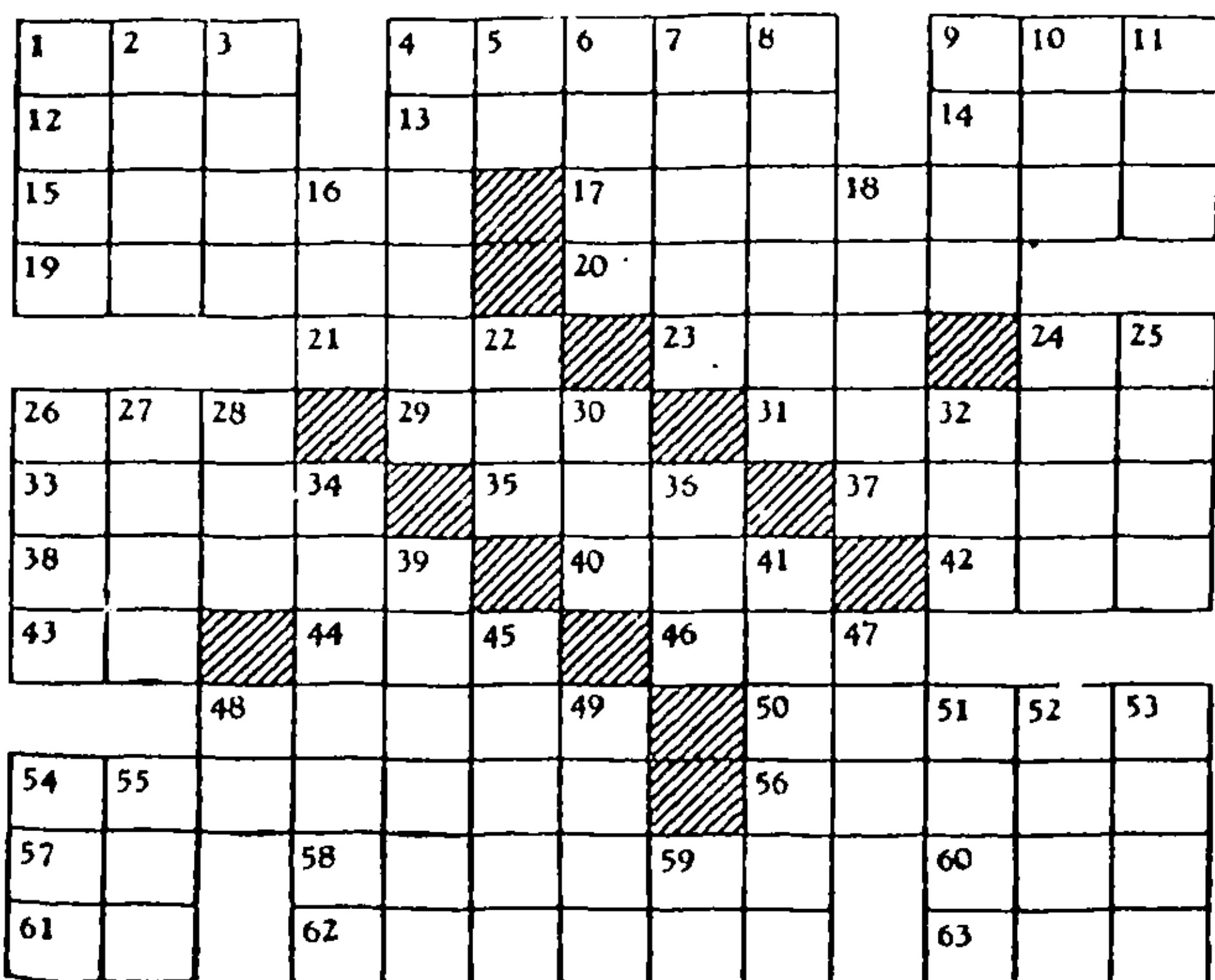
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- 17 To obtain
- 19 Tranquil
- 20 To check the natural development of
- 21 Ignited
- 23 To place
- 24 Sun god
- 26 Music: as written
- 29 Diving bird
- 31 Fabric woven from flax
- 33 Vow
- 35 To bite
- 37 Stock of goods
- 38 Test
- 40 Beverage
- 42 To haul
- 43 Thus
- 44 Tonic water-nymph
- 46 Sleeveless garment

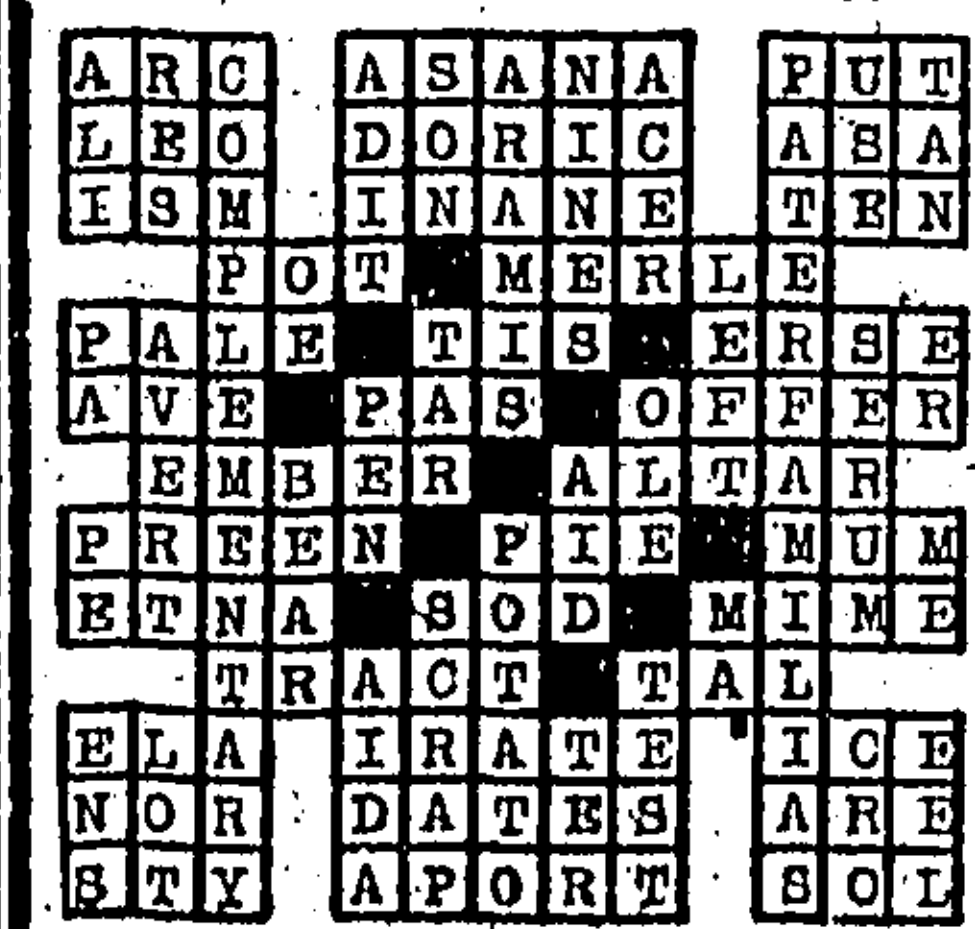
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- 1 Rodents
- 2 The dill
- 3 Sacred
- 4 Buddhist language
- 5 Girl's name
- 6 Pronoun
- 7 Cry of sorrow
- 8 Parties
- 9 Result

VERTICAL

- 9 Narrow opening
- 10 Poetic, ever
- 11 Consumed
- 16 Completely
- 18 To the time when
- 22 Large cask
- 24 City in Nevada
- 25 Again
- 26 Soaks
- 27 Tropical plant
- 28 Philippine ward division
- 30 Small violin
- 32 Insect egg
- 34 Respected
- 36 Edible seed
- 39 Last, act
- 41 To wear away
- 45 The devil
- 47 Atmosphere
- 48 Toward
- 49 Mother of Apollo
- 51 Clamping device
- 52 Poisonous snakes
- 53 Meadows
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NAZI TERROR IN FRANCE

FORCED ONTO SHIPS AT GUN POINT

HOW GERMAN TROOPS were forced aboard Hitler's invasion fleet at the point of their officers' revolvers, is revealed in a letter from a French woman living in Vichy to her sister in England.

The letter shows that even in so-called unoccupied France, the Nazi overlord is supreme, and proves how the Germans fear that the French people will aid Britain.

France, says the writer, fears famine because she knows that all her food stocks are being sent to feed the German hordes. Here is her letter:

My Dearest, What a dreadful nightmare we are passing through! We ask ourselves if it is true. Maman and I have been stupefied. I came here with unheard of difficulties because the houses had to be sold.

We are sequestered prisoners, impossible to go out of the town, where one is very often gated from seven in the evening till seven in the morning.

Despite the terrible life which must be yours I envy you. How many times have we regretted not to come to be with you! We haven't a corner of France which is free. They are everywhere. Even in the unoccupied part.

They bombarded the civil population, who were fleeing from the invasion in an abominable fashion. Women and children were without food for three or four days, crucified unceasingly by their aviation. Women laid themselves down across the road to stop lorries passing.

Famine Fear

They have taken everything, pillaged everything in paying with the money that has no value. Finding food is difficult and we are beginning to find nothing further.

This winter will be terrible and it will be surprisig if we do not have a famine. I have not had a gramme of butter for more than three weeks. They have taken it all to Germany.

Now German families are coming into France to shelter themselves behind the French. What a life!

For myself, I find it almost impossible to tolerate them. If we could only get over to Morocco! We have only the wireless, to which we tune in from eight o'clock to ten o'clock in the evening (London). But they blanket everything until we can hear nothing.

Come Back!

The distress of our prisoners has been worse than everything. We have got up subscriptions and it is the French who are nourishing them now.

You cannot imagine what regret we have to see no longer the English, Australian and Canadian soldiers whom we love so much. They have been replaced by whom... Oh, it is dreadful. May they come back quickly, quickly!

I would like to tell you the present state of spirit in France. No one wants any more of the Republic. It has done so many dirty things.

Forced Aboard

Three or four weeks ago, there were many embarkations at St. Nazaire. It appears that the men did not want to embark and the German officers forced them at the point of the revolver.

Where have they gone? Far? Look out! At this moment Northern France is a forbidden area; it is certainly because they are massing all their forces there.

If I was a man I would certainly not live in France but near you. How can Frenchmen be here? It is so painful. I regain courage when I think that England will win. But what a terrible ordeal in the meantime!

WE WANT MORE WAR BABIES

In spite of the war, people should be encouraged to produce larger families, in the opinion of Dr. R. A. Fisher, Galton Professor of Eugenics at University College, London, who has evacuated to Rothamstead Experimental Station at Harpenden.

After the fall in the birth-rate during the last war and the sudden increase in the early 'twenties there has been a decline up till the beginning of the present war. If a further serious decline now takes place we shall be below the level required for the population to reproduce itself.

Family Allowances

"Reproduction of families in this war should not be postponed," Dr. Fisher said to a "News Chronicle" reporter. "Children consume very little of the country's foodstuff, and the replacement of the population will be most urgent in the 20 years following the war."

To encourage larger families, Dr. Fisher advocates family allowances, which, he says, need not cost the Treasury a penny. He is in favour of the allowances being based on a contributive scheme subscribed by employers and employees.

INTERNEES FOR AMPS

Canadian internment officials have disclosed that about 300 "enemy internees" will be sailing from an east Canadian port to volunteer for service in the British Auxiliary Pioneer Corps. They are of grade "C" or the refugee type.

CAR SWEEP HALF MILE BY TRAIN

MOTORIST DIDN'T KNOW

PEOPLE STANDING by a level-crossing near Hexham (Northumberland) watched horror-stricken as a goods train was seen hurtling along the line with a motor-car and its driver perched on the buffers.

The motorist was carried half a mile before the car crashed down an embankment.

Rescuers clambered down to it and to their amazement extricated the driver almost unhurt.

He was John Robert Longstaff, 26, of Hexham. His only injuries were cuts to the face.

Mr. Longstaff was able to walk home, but he could not remember anything that happened from the moment of the crash.

He probably owes his life to the fact that the buffers of the train crashed through the sides of the car and lifted it clear of the rails.

WEeping CROWD GOES TO MASS BURIAL

Weeping relatives lined the communal graveside at Cardiff when citizens honoured the dead in the blitz raid on the city.

Men, women and children were given a civic funeral, but there were many in the communal grave who could not be identified. A number were buried privately. A family of seven who had been evacuated to the city was wiped out. Many sole survivors of small families stood by the open grave and dropped in posies.

THEIR COATS FROZE AS THEY WORKED

Private C. Lubbock, of Norwich, survivor of the Lancastria, which sank at St. Nazaire, is now finding adventure in Iceland.

"As I was going to bed one Sunday night," he writes to his father, "the Staff Sergeant announced that a number of lorries were snowed up in the mountains and that the breakdown wagon must be got ready to take rations to the stranded men."

The rescue party left camp at 10.15 and arrived at 1.30 a.m. at a mountain chalet, having battled its way for 21 miles along snow-bound roads.

Three miles from the chalet the lorries were found and had to be dug out. As the men worked their sheep-skin coats froze. When one man opened a coat pocket it cracked like brittle glass. But the men joked as they worked and kept cheerful.

The lorries were not restored to the track until late in the morning.

Private Lubbock says: "I feel really enriched in experience and education."

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THE CHALLENGE

Nazi Germany must hurry. Already many American planes have joined the operational units of the R.A.F. and, now the Lend and Lease Bill is through, steadily such aid will increase. President Roosevelt's plan removes all financial obstacles. He recently showed in a couple of sentences that he understands the meaning of total war. "No major war ever has been won or lost," he says, "for lack of money. The more we produce, the stronger we are." Those are the precepts on which Hitler worked and triumphed. He knows what giant strength America can wield once she braces her muscles on such wise instructions.

It all comes back to the Atlantic. Hitler can only hope to win by assault on Britain before our absolute mastery is restored in that sea. And the battle of the Atlantic in turn will be fought in our factories. More planes to help our ships, more bombers to blast his invasion ports and strike the weapons from his hands, more tonnage from our shipyards, Britain standing erect while full American production comes to our side. This is the summons. We must rise to it as we rose to meet the same intimate peril after Dunkirk. When we have divided those figures of shipping losses by ten we shall have victory in our grasp.

MYSTERY AIR FORCE

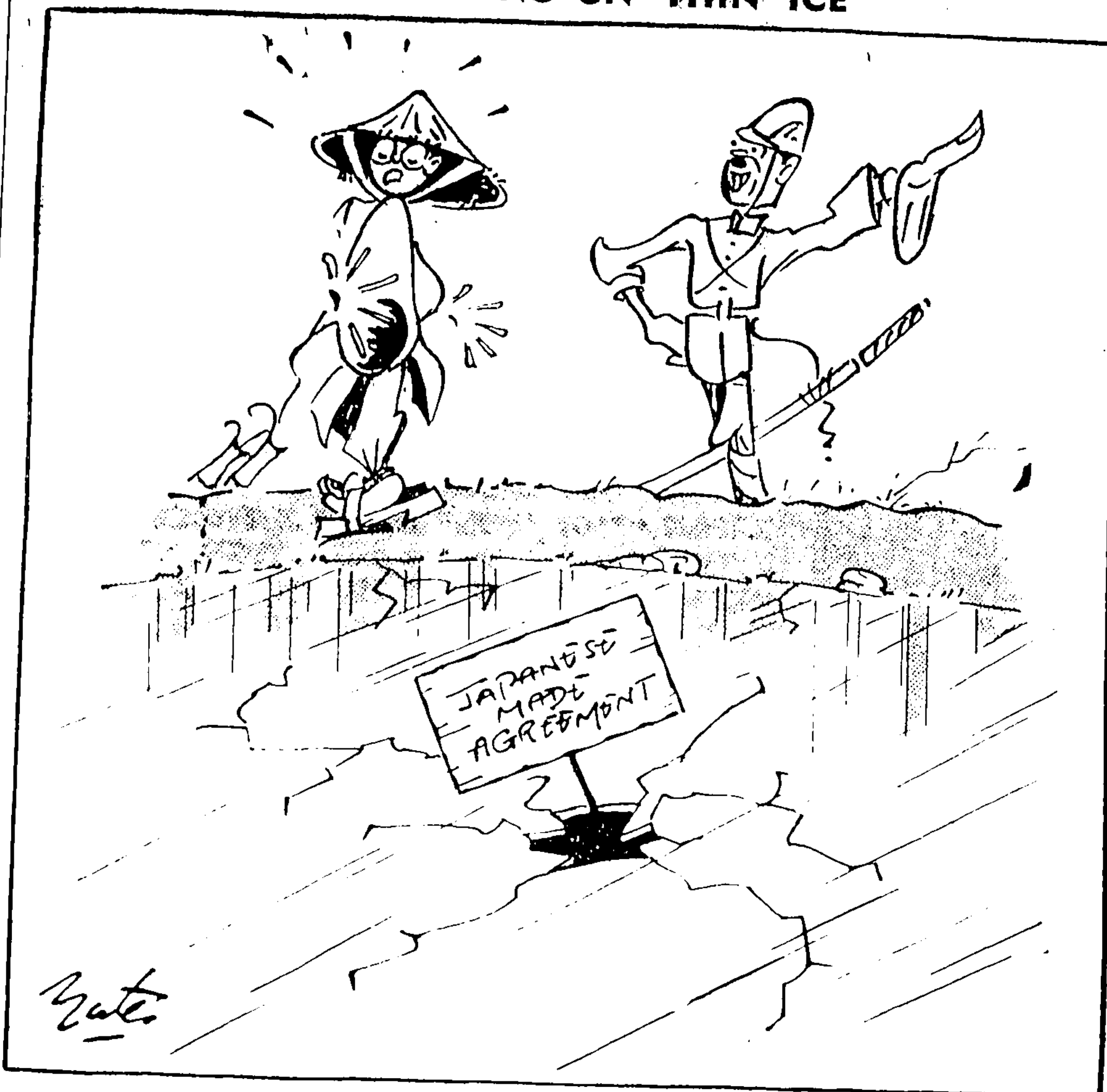
What has happened to the Italian air force? Answer that conundrum and you may have discovered a fact of considerable importance.

The size of air forces is the most closely guarded of military secrets. No one can be certain and guesses may be far wide of the mark. Italy was estimated in 1938 to possess more than two thousand good, usable machines and from that day to the outbreak of war Italian factories were presumably busy repairing the losses inflicted in Abyssinia and Spain and profiting from experience in these two theatres. Yet Britain's mastery of the air in the Mediterranean and Middle East has been practically undisputed.

How can we explain the mystery? Part of it no explanation.

THE CHINA MAIL, MARCH 13, 1941

SKATING ON 'THIN' ICE



JAPAN: "What's the trouble. It's as safe as a Japanese guarantee can make it."

Sign Of The Double Cross

By
Michael Foot

One auspicious April in the year 1889 two men were born, one in an Austrian town-ship called Braunau, the other in the East End of London. One was christened Adolf Schicklgruber, the other Charles Spencer Chaplin.

Both had genius and their names (slightly modified to suit the demands of publicity) were destined to become better known than any other of their generation.

Both tasted poverty following the death of their fathers, but one showed his talents early and brought money to his mother before the age of ten, while the other moped at his mother's side and later begged his bread through the streets of Vienna. One was making his first motion picture in Hollywood when the other was still failing to sell his faded picture postcards.

Neither forgot those early days of trial. One learnt to detest poverty. The other learnt to hate the poor.

One remembered his debt to his old comrades and liked to return to the schoolroom of his youth and perform his antics to amuse the children. The other resolved on nothing but revenge.

doubt may be due to the acknowledged superiority of the British pilot. In all individual combats since Italy entered the war he has displayed his prowess over the Italian even more surely than over his German rival. There are also some indications that part of the Italian air force is being re-equipped to enable it to face better the superior British machine. But is that all? We are so armoured now against all kinds of wishful thinking that we rightly search for any other less comfortable

forbade the mention of his Vienna days, returned only with the smack of vengeance on his lips, and never spent a penny in his years of triumph to reward the old comrade who had shared with him back in Vienna his last hunk of bread.

Both profited from their upbringing. One learnt to excite men's virtues. The other discovered how abjectly men could be ruled through their vices. One had learnt the meaning of love and pity and tolerance and pathos. The other had mastered hate and derision and contempt.

When the war ended one was already an international figure, while the other was still an unknown political spy paid by the German army. A dozen years later one toured almost every capital city in the world, and was mobbed by cheering, laughing multitudes. He was thrilled by so many happy faces. The other was attracting vast multitudes too. He roared and yelled at them from the platform, but in the ante-room afterwards he would boast how shrewdly he had drawn "the magnet across this dunghill."

Now, ten years later still, one has become the recognised enemy of civilised mankind. "The meanest man in all the world," as he was once properly described, has gained the power to unleash his hatred against his fellow men on a continental scale. Millions of ruined lives and billions of tears are his harvest.

The other watched all those events and must have seen them as a challenge to himself. He was the supreme individualist and Hitler had sworn eternal war against those who demanded the right to think and feel for themselves. He was the master of pathos and Hitler was hacking all pity to shreds

with jackboot and sword. He loved laughter, and Hitler had stifled laughter in countless homes across whole nations.

He has taken up the challenge. He has answered in the best way he knows. He has answered with the biggest, bonniest, stickiest, slimiest custard pie ever shied by the most expert pie-shier in the history of slapstick.

I remember hearing years ago that Charlie Chaplin was going to make a film about Hitler. I felt a faint tingle of excitement at the pit of my stomach. Millions of people in every land must have felt the same. Tens of thousands of people in the city alone, after they had heard the good news, must have baffled their fellow-travellers on the other side of the Tube with an unconscious smile, snigger, grin or guffaw apparently provoked by nothing more jovial than a London Transport station map. Our trust in Charlie was something much surer than the stormtrooper's goat-like faith in his Fuehrer. Then came the blow. Some oaf in America was apparently protesting that Hollywood should not tamper with politics. We knew it. We had these oafs of our own, pompous little asses who snooped into our own music halls and would be telling us next that a dirty crack by Max Miller was causing tension in the International Settlement at Shanghai. Little did they realise that censorship at the Holborn Empire would rob the British people of one of the best platforms where political reputations are made and broken. And now it seemed that the Monroe Doctrine and the film Moguls together were to condemn the cinema to inanity. Charlie was to be allowed to bait the foreman and bespatter his boss, but never to pull the throne away from beneath the worst and most mammoth imposture among men. Those were anxious days, but we can afford to forget them. It has come at last.

Charlie Chaplin is no politician. He is a custard pie expert and not even a philosopher. Yet just be-

cause he sticks to his own business he says some things which need to be said which only he can say perfectly, things which some of us forgot in these years gone by, and partly because we forgot them we were landed in this mess. There will be a few of these offenders among those lords and ladies. I would like to watch them. If their hides and skulls were only thinner, I would like to be there to see them squirm. See Adenoid Hynkel, dictator of Tomias, addressing the mob beneath the Sign of the Double Cross, shouting, choking, shrieking, spluttering until the very microphone recoils in horror before the avalanche, whipping mass enthusiasm and maniac shouts with the refrain that Jews, Liberty, Europe, Democracy, the foes of Tomias, all these may be dismissed with one incomprehensible word devised from Hitler's example and Chaplin's genius—shtunk. Were the arguments of our own little Hitlers any better? Hate all foreigners! Parliament was a talking shop! Perish Judah! Democracy was a hoax, every bit of it! Liberty stank.

Do you remember these buffoons who wanted nothing better than to march in processions, shout when they were told to, but always together, and consign to oblivion argument, debate, criticism and all those things which distinguish citizens from serfs? See Benzini Napolini, dictator of Bacteria (yes, he gets his pie square across the eyeballs), arguing and ranting with his dear, beloved Adenoid and almost starting an international crisis by claiming that his barber chair must be higher. See Adenoid himself dancing a balloon dance with a globe map and collapsing into tears when the balloon bursts in his hands.

Charlie certainly makes them look silly. But, after all, didn't someone tell us that Benzini Napolini was a fine Christian gentleman? (Or was that about somebody else?)

At least, didn't one or two of our womanish admirers of dictatorship hail Napolini as a great and constructive statesman, a man of iron who made the trains run to time (are they still running) and kept the workers in their proper place? Did not someone write a pamphlet (is it still circulating?) applauding the abracadabra which Benzini disguised under the title of Fascist corporations? And did not they tell us that Benzini and Adenoid together could go on balloon dancing with the world without a final bust?

See, finally, the little Jewish tailor who went to the war, fired his gun the wrong way, got into the wrong army, flew his air plane upside-down, lost his memory for twenty years and returned incredulous and unabashed to face the brutal, ridiculous Gestapo. See the little Jewish girl whom he befriended.

We can see it all now. Charlie Chaplin is not, as many people suppose, himself a Jew, but he has chosen the Jewish tailor and his girl to speak as the champions of all men who suffered beneath the Nazi Moloch and all who would defy it. Will there be any among those whose sides he tickles who will go back to their drawing-rooms and still jabber their mild but shameful anti-Semitism?

England should have vaunted her alliance with the first and still the most harshly-treated of Hitler's enemies. Instead, we were often niggardly in our sympathy. Indeed, there were even some in England who whispered Hitler's faith. They accepted his mystical nonsense of race. Perhaps, after all, they said, the Jews only got their deserts.

Charlie Chaplin should shame them. He has given to the little Jew the place of honour in his greatest masterpiece.

He has done more still. He has excelled all his former services to our kind. He has taken all the doctrines of dictatorship, all the doctrines of regimentation which degrade the dignity of man and has exposed them for the shams that they are.

He has asserted the rights of the individual against the monstrous gospel which Hitler enthroned, but to which some even in this land have been ready to bend the knee. Charlie will laugh the nonsense out of them. And perhaps we shall not live in a civilised world until this film can be shown in every capital city before multitudes who sit with good consciences and laugh themselves sick.

From the "London Evening Standard," December 10, 1940.

STRONG INDO-CHINA RESENTMENT OF THAI AGREEMENT

"TO-DAY IS A DAY OF ANGER AND SADNESS," DECLARES THE SAIGON NEWSPAPER "L'OPINION" IN AN ARTICLE TYPIFYING INDO-CHINA'S REACTION TO THE PEACE AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND.

THE ARTICLE, headed "Day of Mourning," appeals to Marshal Petain to remember the Indo-Chinese plight.

WHAT GLADSTONE SAID IN 1940

GLADSTONE, THE GREAT LIBERAL STATESMAN, HAS DECLARED THAT BRITAIN WILL ACHIEVE "VICTORY SOONER THAN YOU BELIEVE."

Claims that this message was received through a Bath spiritualist medium have been made by Sir John Anderson, of River Street Bath.

Sir John, who is no relation to the present Lord Privy Seal, said that the message came during a meeting of a spiritualist circle in his home.

The text of the message was: "Good evening, my friends. Once more I return to your earth. I am William Ewart Gladstone. I have just this last day been with your Premier in the House of Commons."

"My friends, you are going to victory sooner than you believe. Good night."

"EIRE SHOULD BE EXPELLED"

WHEN WE HAD WON THE WAR WE WOULD BE COMPELLED TO HOLD DOWN EUROPE FOR A CONSIDERABLE TIME BY FORCE OF ARMS, SAID DR. W. R. MATTHEWS, DEAN OF ST. PAUL'S, SPEAKING AT MALVERN.

He believed, he said, that we would be compelled to enlarge the British Empire, possibly under a different name.

He was convinced that there were countries which would come into the Empire providing that they could be assured that, if they were part of it, it would be defended. To carry out that

It adds: "Indo-China will be to the yoke but will live for the day when justice will be done." The article was punctuated by many blank spaces where it had been cut by the censor.

The man-in-the-street, while appreciating that the French leaders are in no position to resist Japan's "enforced arbitration," is nevertheless indignant regarding the way the agreement has been handled.

For example, Indo-China officials have not even yet been advised of the terms of the settlement, while Thailand appears to have been given much more than was ever originally contemplated.

Resentment Strong

The area ceded totals some 30,000 square miles, including an area in Cambodia which is one of the richest rice districts in Indo-China, and resentment against Japan, which is regarded as the power responsible for the double-dealing, is widespread.

It is expected that Frenchmen residing in the ceded area, of whom there are some 250, will move into uncoded parts as soon as it is arranged.

It is understood that a joint commission, including Japanese, is proceeding to the border shortly to demarcate the new boundary and arrange for the withdrawal of many Indo-China troops in the coast areas. Reuter.

Heavy Censorship

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INDICATING HEAVY CENSORSHIP, YESTERDAY'S EVENING NEWSPAPERS IN SAIGON WERE FILLED WITH BLANK COLUMNS.

But despite this, the papers continued to condemn the Japanese in connection with the Thai-Indo-China Agreement, which was signed in Tokyo on Tuesday.

One of the leading newspapers, "Le Soir" expressed the hope that the French Colonial Army, under General Weygand, would grow in strength to "prevent disarmament in other parts of the French Empire." — International News Service.

THE UNKINDEST CUT—

Columbia Radio, New York, reports that the selling of ice-cream in Italy has been restricted to three days a week.

BOTHA 1—OUR NEW TORPEDO BOMBER

Britain has a new type of plane—a light twin-engined bomber, Botha 1.

It is a torpedo bomber.

To some degree it resembles the Blenheim aircraft. Its performance and armament are secret.

The Botha 1 was designed by Messrs Blackburn.

It is powered by two Perseus engines, and has a span of 59ft., is 51ft. long and 18ft. 3ins. high.

N.T. TIMBER FOR FIREFWOOD

The "China Mail" learned authoritatively this morning that Government is now engaged in cutting down timber in the New Territories to relieve the present firewood situation in the Colony.

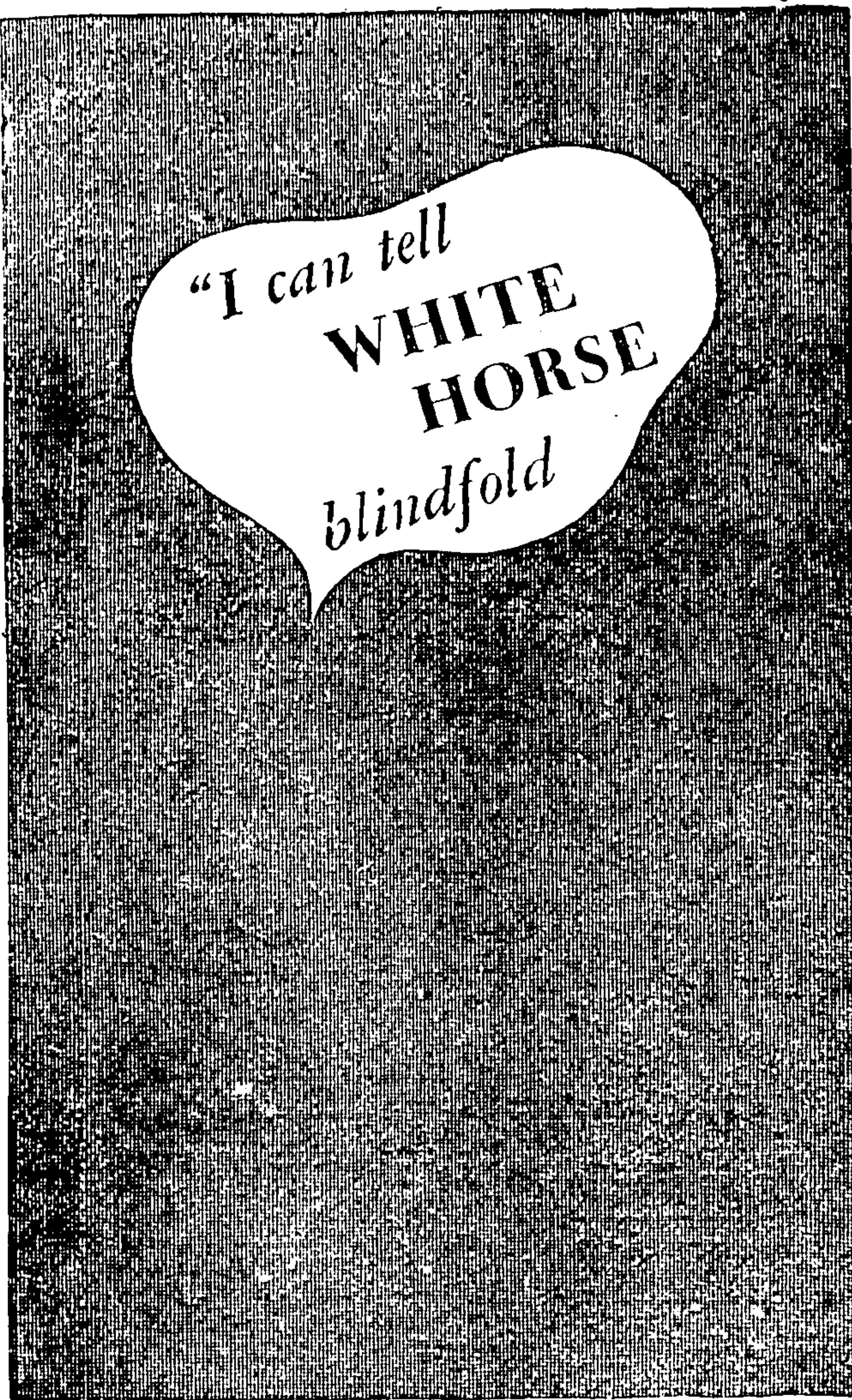
The areas being cut are above the Volunteer Camp in Fanling, and may be released very soon at price fixed by Government.

Government's second shipment of firewood, some 4,000 tons, is expected to reach Hong Kong within the next three or four days. Regular shipments from Borneo and Penang have been arranged from the beginning of next month.

SEA "SLANG"

The latest manifestation of Italian nationalism is a movement to replace by native phrases British shipping terms such as "bills of lading" and "f.o.b.," which are used internationally.

The "Popolo d'Italia" says: "The patriotism of Italian seamen is proverbial. They deserve, therefore, to be freed from a slang which continually reminds them of a people from which they receive the worst of affronts and the most bitter humiliations."



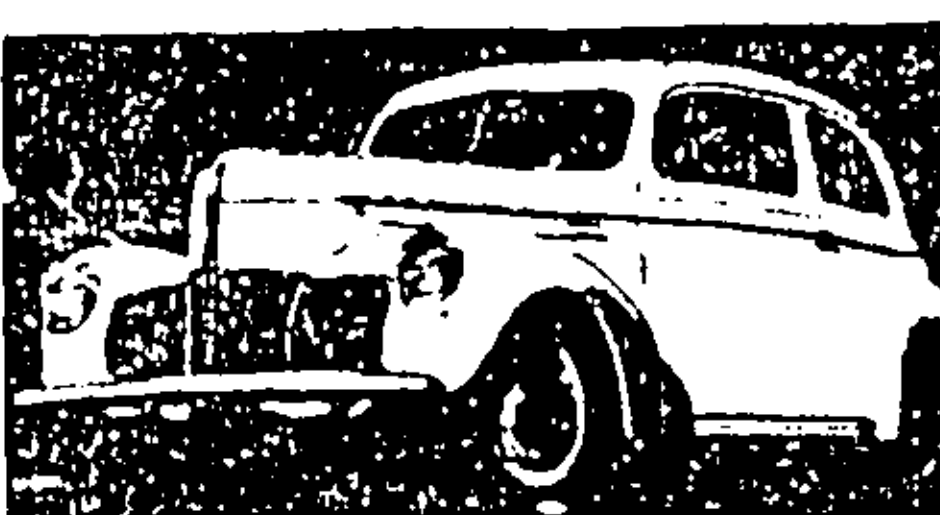
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ARCHITECT'S IDEA OF REBUILT LONDON

Cheapside as a gay boulevard with wide colonnaded pavements, where citizens could watch their Lord Mayor in appropriate state and surroundings pass from Mansion House to Guildhall, was one picture of a vastly improved post-war London drawn by Mr. W. H. Ansell, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, yesterday.

There should be a fine open piazza leading from Cheapside to Guildhall, in place of the present narrow way, and round St. Paul's a clearance free from its jostling neighbours to provide a close worthy of Wren's masterpiece.

"Terra id gardens will drop from the Cathedral down to the river, linking up with an

extended embankment, so that a view of London's earliest glory—her river—will be obtainable from the transept stairs of St. Paul's."

Mr. Ansell dissociated himself from those who would make a "new" London. "I want a vastly improved London—not improved out of recognition."—British Wire-
less.

LIBYA POUNDING AS SEEN FROM A BATTLESHIP

(The Navy's part in the opening of the attack on Bardia is described by a Special Correspondent who was in one of the British battleships which shelled the Italians).

FIRE FROM SEA, LAND AND AIR RAINED AROUND BARDIA ON FRIDAY MORNING IN THE OPENING PHASES OF THE GREAT NEW LIBYAN THRUST.

From the flagship leading the other battleships, as well as cruisers and destroyers, I watched the onslaught from before dawn until a false dusk of battle smoke and sand shrouded the beleaguered Fascist legions from our sight.

We knew that this imposing array of British sea power was destined to play its part by bombarding the area marked by the triangle of the coast, the Italian lines, and the road from Bardia, which strikes inland towards Tobruk.

In the right-hand corner of this area was our particular objective, Wadi Rahab, a—deeply scored gully, where a great deal of Italian motor transport was concentrated.

Hardly a ripple ruffled the sea. Suddenly, ahead, whole clusters of golden stars sparkled and disappeared over the now discernible land. We looked at our watches. It was 5.30, zero hour for the Australians. Those winking shells told us they were keeping their rendezvous with Mussolini.

Navy's Turn

When our turn came a screen of destroyers swung northwards. We followed them, but as we did so our 15-in guns were kept trained landwards, ready for their first broadside to port.

At first we thought that they were going to leave us alone, but then came a little yellow spurt of light with a puff of smoke, and the bursting shell threw up a smoky spout of water half a mile from us. Our six-inchers barked back, and immediately all the destroyers brought their guns to bear. Columns of water sprang up from the base of the cliff.

With their next ranging the light guns hit the cliff face itself, so that it began to smoulder like a volcano. Their third effort landed fair and square on the headland, and clouds began to gather from the bursting shells. The shore battery went temporarily out of action.

Meanwhile, our consorts with their 15-in. guns were echoing our own hoarse war cry. The seconds seemed to tick away slowly as the high-pitched rustling noise of the shells in the air faded away towards land.

Then, suddenly, the Wadi seemed to alter shape. Huge black and grey growths, now pointed like daggers, now clustered in curves like the heart of a giant cauliflower, shot up from the valley. The whole coastline echoed with the chorus of this new fury as shell after shell screamed home.

'Plane Signals Hits

Firing was fast as our 'plane spotter had reported "OK." In the end he signalled nine successive salvos as having found the target of tanks and the other conglomeration of transport vehicles.

The other battleships were engaging other targets, and though we were all firing well north of the town of Bardia itself, the whole coast soon became obliterated by the grim dust from our terrific fire.

Five times each of those 15in guns spoke on that northward run, while the six-inch armament was also barking away at two coastal batteries. In a matter of minutes the Battle Fleet had flung practically 150 tons of death into the beleaguered Italian camp.

Then came the good news from our spotter that he could see tanks and lorries burning in Wadi. The wrecking effect of these huge missiles is much greater than that of an equivalent

airbomb because of the spread of heavy splinter.

Attack Renewed

We prepared to deliver our broadsides from starboard as we began a run parallel with the coast again but, this time heading south into the Gulf of Sollum.

The cleft in the land which was the Wadi was again visible. Here were the armoured vehicles which might be expected to counter-attack if left unmolested. Though we knew we had got home on them already, we pounded them again.

We had the range of their main armament which was camouflaged among lorries and other vehicles, and, as our commander expressed it subsequently in a broadcast to the ship's company, each of those groups of tanks got "a decent allowance of 15-in. bricks."

GIVING ENEMIES NIGHTMARE

How Hitler is trying to create a nightmare state of mind among his enemies is described by Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," who has just returned to the United States.

Deuel writes "The strategy of terror used by Hitler in the second world war is as incredible and unreal as a nightmare. Almost nothing, it would seem, is too fantastic or bizarre to happen."

Possibly the most shocking and stupefying thing of all things that are happening, he states, is that indecent pictures are being used by the Germans as weapons for the conduct of hostilities.

"They are using them," he adds, "as part of the most gigantic, most systematic, and most skilful attempt the world has ever seen to shatter the nervous systems and wills to resist of whole armies and whole peoples."

These pictures, of postcard size, are beautifully drawn and printed in four colours. At first sight they look innocent enough, but when held to the light British soldiers and French women are shown in a degrading scene. The Nazis printed hundreds of thousands of these cards and produced a special type of trench mortar which shot the cards over the French lines.

Typical Methods

The use of these pictures was typical of the tactics the Nazis were using to demoralise their enemies by psychological means. These tactics extended to almost every field of human life and thought and emotion. All were thought out years in advance and based on a diabolical knowledge of the weaknesses of human nerves and human character. They were all employed for the purpose of destroying the enemy's will to fight before the first shot was ever fired.

"The Germans have set out to create a nightmare state of mind among their enemies, to cause nothing less than a collective nervous breakdown on an international scale, and to bring about a paralysis of will on the part of all Western European civilisation.

APOLOGISE, VICAR TOLD

Swaffham Rural District Council, Norfolk, is indignant with the Vicar of Spörle, the Rev. T. D. Rees, one of its members, who alleged at a recent meeting that not a single large house in his parish had taken evacuees.

He protested that the parish billeting officer, who lived in one of the biggest houses had not accommodated anyone.

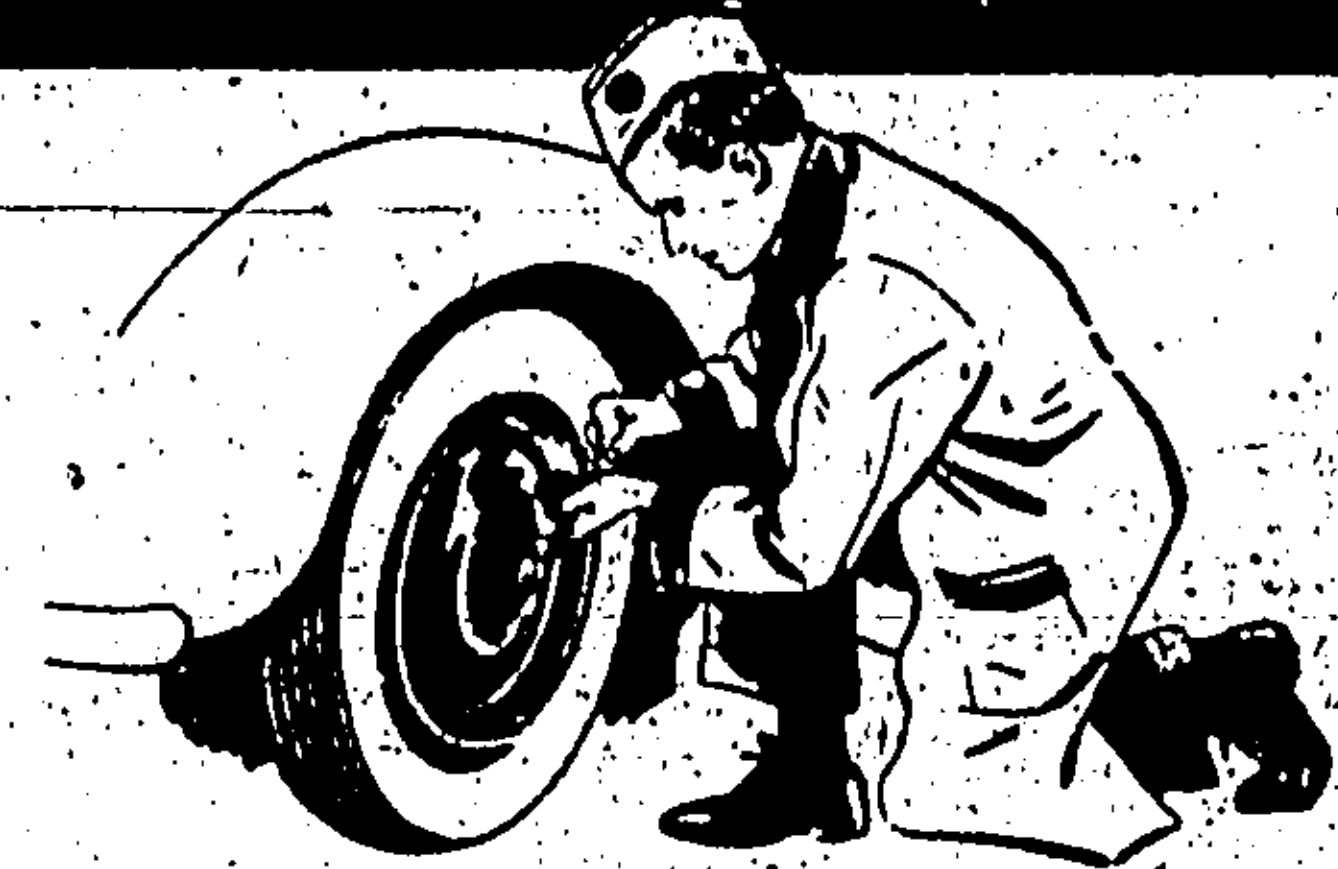
The Council have now demanded that Mr. Rees shall attend the next meeting to substantiate his allegation or apologise, and the parish billeting officer Mrs. Constance Beattie, is to be there.

Mrs. Beattie has written to the Council saying:

"I agree there was one house in the parish, the vicarage, where no evacuees were accommodated. This house has three principal reception rooms, pantry and kitchen on the ground floor with adjacent larder and scullery and on the upper floors there are three principal bedrooms, a smaller bedroom and a bedroom with bathroom.

Mrs. Beattie's letter went on to say that part of her house has for some time been used as an A.R.P. wardens' post, report centre, first aid post, Home Guard post and for storing A.F.S. equipment.

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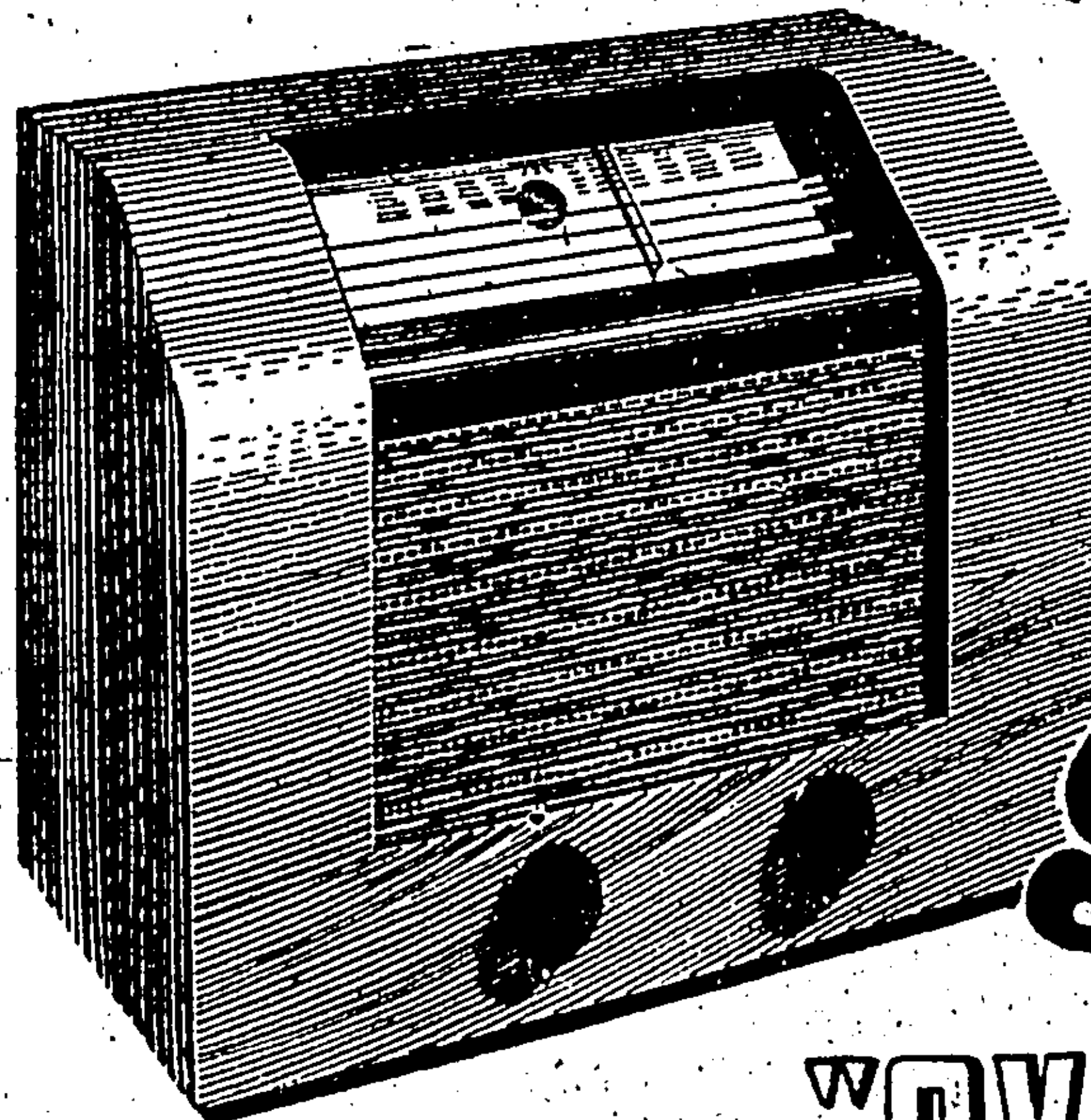


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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

The next Race Meeting, originally scheduled for SUNDAY the 23rd of March, has been postponed to SUNDAY, April the 6th, 1941.

By Order of the Stewards,
T. A. MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

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Notice To Consumers

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By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,
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Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager

Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

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Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,

Secretary & Manager.

Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,

Managing Director.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Clubs, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

No children or animals will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 14th March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

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Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

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MONDAY, the 17th, March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 18th, March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central, (2nd Floor)

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 34

By The Four Aces

"South admits he took a chance in bidding six spades," writes a reader, "but thinks he was rather unlucky in not making it. I think he committed a crime — and perhaps you can use it in your series."

South, Dealer
East West vulnerable

♠ Q 8
♥ K Q J
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K Q J 8
N
W
S
♠ 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ 2
♣ 5 4 3
♠ A K J 10 9 7 4 3
♥ 9 2
♦ A 10 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

West opened the King of diamonds, and South dropped the nine without batting an eyelash. Now the choice was between the two red Aces, and West unhesitatingly continued with Ace of diamonds. It was all over then, of course, and South pointed out that with any shift at all he'd have made the Small Slam. Leaving the bidding aside, do you think South was unlucky or a criminal?"

There you are, crime sleuths. Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was a criminal and his crime almost certainly cost him the Slam contract. When West led the King of diamonds, it was absolutely criminal for South to play the nine. West was bound to notice that the deuce of diamonds hadn't been played. If East held the deuce of diamonds, he wanted a diamond continuation: if South had the deuce, a diamond continuation would surely defeat the slam. So South was simply asking to be set when he false-carded in diamonds.

Note that if South plays the deuce of diamonds (we assume East played the three, since he had no reason to do anything else,) West really has a guess. And we think most players would continue with the Ace of hearts rather than the Ace of diamonds. It's wise to note that not all false-cards are deceptive.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3
♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ 8 3
♣ J

The bidding:

Malier	You	Schenken	Jacoby
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Considering that you passed over the shut-out bid of three diamonds, you have a very fine hand and a very strong suit. This show of strength will take your partner off the spot if he has a borderline double, and may lead to a good Slam contract if he has a very strong double. Score 100% for four spades, 50% for three spades.

Question No. 663

To-day you are Howard Schenken's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 10 9 6
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 4

The bidding:

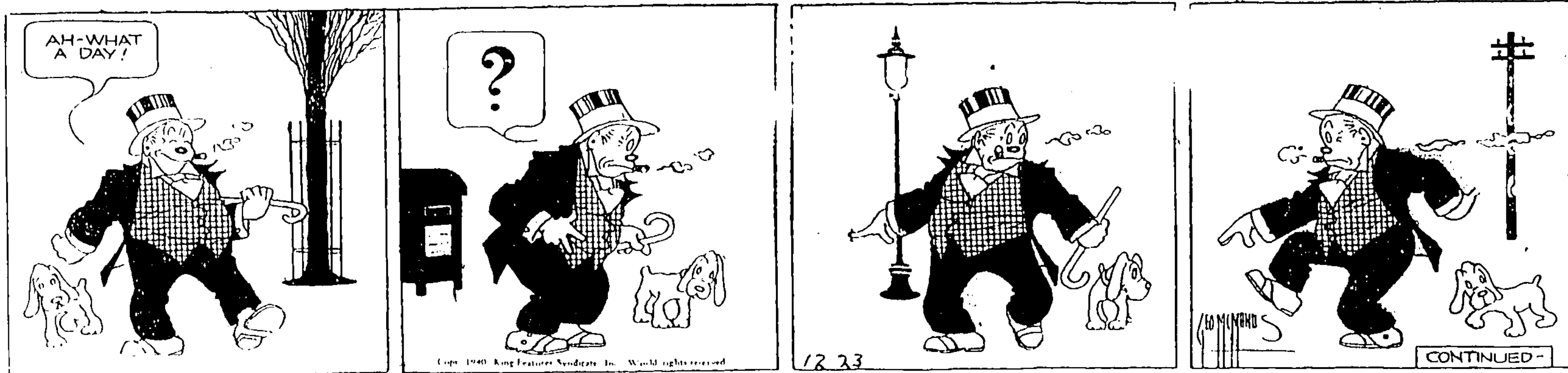
Malier	You	Jacoby	Schenken
8♦	(?)		

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Britain's Strength Is In Its Womenfolk

The value of democracy can be measured in many ways. By the living standard of the ordinary people; by its educational facilities; and, last but not least, by the extent to which women take part in the life of the community.

It is no mere accident that in those countries where women have a voice in public affairs, the people are well housed, have good schools, enjoy a high general standard of health, and have reduced infant mortality.

In all these countries the special abilities which are the undeniable heritage of women are fully used. How democracy enables women to develop their gifts and to shoulder their share in communal responsibility is best illustrated by the accomplishments of Englishwomen during the present war.

Of the many women M.P.s in the House of Commons, I have recently visited Miss Irene Ward at the Palace of Westminster.

Miss Ward, stately and fair-haired, is Chairman of the "Woman-Power Committee," an advisory body which cooperates with the Minister of Labour on matters pertaining to the employment of women during the war. This is the gist of what Miss Ward told me: "The war demands the highest degree of efficiency from everybody and we want to give women the best opportunities of using their abilities. We consider munition-making as only one of many war jobs for women. Every woman ought to find the calling for which her gifts and her training qualify her."

Miss Ward paused to take a paper from a messenger.

"Our committee is not, of course, an employment agency. We ascertain in general where women workers are needed and suggest new openings of employment. The war is creating all sorts of new conditions of life, and women are entitled to a share in their shaping. To do this they must be active in many different spheres of work."

What a triumph of concerted effort if this committee succeeds in its task of placing at the disposal of the community everything that is best in feminine talent and industry!

This co-ordination will be of even greater value when peace finally comes.

Miss Megan Lloyd George Organises Household Salvage

Another women's committee has been established to advise the Minister of Food. It consists of women M.P.s under the chairmanship of Miss Megan Lloyd George. This is what she says:

"The chief task of this committee is to teach people the gentle art of thrift during the war. Particularly the elimination of waste in the use of those commodities which are brought from overseas countries at the risk of men's lives. It is estimated that \$30,000,000 a year in the imported value of goods could be saved in the United Kingdom if every housewife used foodstuffs in the right way and did not waste edible refuse."

Miss Lloyd George, a slightly built woman not much over five feet in height, stands at the head of an army of salvage experts who have just completed a canvass of 9,000,000 householders. "The public is getting more and more salvage-minded," as they express it modestly.

As a matter of fact these salvage experts are making millions of women public-service-minded. Now every housewife has been made fully aware of the fact that nearly one half of the foodstuffs she uses are imported from the British Empire, she begins to

By—
Alma S. Wittlin

realise that the strength of the British Commonwealth of Nations is based upon a system of give and take, and becomes herself a fully conscious member of that Commonwealth.

Organising An Army of Housewives

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., is one of the few people to whom is given considerable responsibility for the health and security of people in wartime.

This whirlwind of a woman, a striking little figure with a crest of red hair, is responsible to a great extent for the provision of shelters for the civilian population. No more fortunate choice than that of a woman for this post could have been made, for she is familiar with the many little problems of everyday life of ordinary people.

If men and women spending their nights in shelters are to remain healthy, questions of sleeping accommodation, ventilation and hygiene, of providing refreshments, care of sick, etc., are not less important than the constructional technicalities of the shelters.



Love in a cottage is all very grand until the newlyweds learn it needs money as a prop.

So much for Members of Parliament. It would make the story too long if all the women M.P.s were to be written about.

Outside Parliament, there are many women who are doing amazing jobs of war work. Mrs. Ethel M. Newman may be mentioned, the woman member of a committee of nine appointed by the Government to check food profiteering.

Mrs. Newman is no economist; she is a practical housewife who became organiser on a large scale. Miss Caroline Haslett is another outstanding personality. She is the official adviser on the training of women for technical work in factories. She laughs at the idea that women have no gift for technical jobs.

She herself started at ten shillings a week as a clerk and is now the President of the Society of Electrical Women Engineers of which she is the founder.

It has been her achievement to train scores of girls in electrical engineering and to make English housewives "electricity-minded" and keen to use electrical devices in the household. Thus Miss Haslett, who never seems to be in a hurry, has added speed to every day life in her country.

To women abroad Miss Haslett is well-known as a leading personality of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. She is now the president of the British branch of this important association.

Health in The Shelters

It is a great experience to meet Lady Reading. Her full title is Dowager Marchioness of Reading as she is the widow of Lord Reading, a former Viceroy of India.

Despite her exalted title she likes to remember the time when she made her living as a wage-earning secretary. Grey-haired but overflowing with vitality she is the founder of the latest feminine association in England, the Women's Voluntary Services, known as "W.V.S."

"With the help of a few friends I created this association as a shock-absorber in wartime," says Lady Reading. "Now we have about 800,000 members."

"Our rules and aims? We find it an advantage not to have hard-and-fast rules. Our first principle is flexibility. The W.V.S. nurse the wounded, organise the evacuation of children and old people, manage canteens, collect aluminium, run clothing depots for victims of air raids. They drive cars and knit garments. They help refugees."

"Wherever local authorities need an extra arm in wartime they find us ready to serve."

This organisation renders great service to the community in the time of crisis, but it is the members themselves who will derive the greater benefit. Many of them find themselves for the first time in their lives doing some regular work and grappling with realities. The work and responsibility enrich these voluntary workers morally and spiritually.

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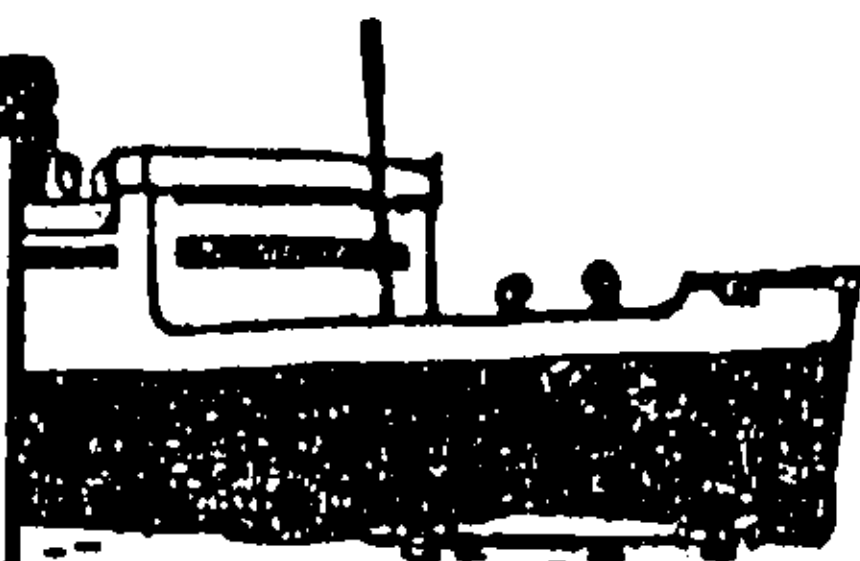
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Monday, March 17	
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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Two Supper Overtures.
Morning, Noon and Night—Overture
Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
Overture "Light Cavalry"
The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra
conducted by Sir Adrian Boult

12.47 p.m.—Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).
The Street Sounds to the Soldiers' Tread (Somervell); Is My Team Ploughing (Vaughan Williams); Birds in the High Hall Garden; O Let the Solid Ground (from Song Cycle "Maud" Tennyson Somervell)

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal
1.01 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre. Recorded in the Finsbury Park Empire

1.23 p.m.—Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean. With Eric Coates Three London (Knightsbridge to London Bridge)
1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements

1.45 p.m.—A Scottish Programme.
Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro: Cam ye by Atholl; Bonnie Dundee; Battle of Killiecrankie; Death of the Chief; Pipes of the 2nd Batt The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders
The Road to the Isles (Songs of the Hebrides)—arr. Kennedy-Fraser
Greenock Male Voice Choir conducted by A. J. Gourlay

Reels Intro Rachel Rae, High Road to Linto; Fight about the Fireside; Brown's Reel Scottish Country Dance Orch. cond. by Michael Dineen

O Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scotland) Stephen & Burnett; Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with Piano
Medley of Scottish Airs Intro The Highlander; My love she's but a lassie yet; The Pease-blossom Lovers; My faithful fair one; Pipes of the 2nd Batt The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

Deil's Awa' Wi' The Exciseman, The Piper O' Dundee Alexander Carmichael (Baritone) with Piano
Bonnie Scotland Intro Stop yer tickling, Jock; Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond; Four leaf Shamrock; Roaming in the Gloaming; Keep right on to the end of the road; She is my Daisy; Ye banks and braes; I love a lassie; Comin' thro' the Rye; Auld Lang Syne New Mayfair Orchestra

2.15 p.m.—Close down
2.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.
6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations

6.32 p.m.—A Mozart Programme.
Concerto in G Major Adagio Ye-hudi Menuhin (Violin) w. Piano acc. O Isis and Osiris (from "The Magic Flute") Ivor Andriessen (Bass) with Orchestra

Serenade in C Minor 1st Mov. Allegro, 2nd Mov. Andante, 3rd Mov. Minuetto in C Major & Trio Arthur Fiedler's Symphony Orchestra
Grant O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro") Tania Lennett (Soprano) with Orchestra

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam; Edwin Murrell interviews Abigail Cook

7.30 p.m.—Rossini—William Tell Ballet Music. Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.44 p.m.—Eileen Joyce at the Piano.
Etude de concert in F minor (Liszt); Etude de concert in A flat major (Paul de Schlozer); Lotus Land and Danse Negre (Cyril Scott); Tarentella in A Minor (Harry Farjeon)

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements
8.02 p.m.—Tangos.

A Song Without Words; Venetian Night; Emil Rouse & His Orch. Supplicio; Yo Seis Como Tu Quieras Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.
8.30 p.m.—Variety.

Spanish "Electric" Guitar—Dipsomania Len Fills with Piano; Comedian—The Seagull Song; Arthur Askey with Piano acc.; Spanish "Electric" Guitar—Mood Ruby; Len Fills; Humorous Duologue; Tennis; Clapham & Dwyer; Mandoline—Valse De Concert (Marcelle); Maria B. Scivittaro with Piano; Comedienne—My Lucky Day (film "This week of grace"); Gracie Fields with Orchestra; Mandoline—Souvenir de Sicile—Mazurka (Leonardi); Maria B. Scivittaro

POLICE JOBS FOR WOMEN?

Clerical work for police forces is likely to be taken over by women to release constables for more important duties.

The women will be paid the normal defence workers' weekly wage of £2 3s. They will not be engaged as police officers and will not receive police training.

Such tasks as car-driving, radio-operating and teleprinting will in future be done by women if the scheme is put into effect.

The plan will shortly be outlined in Parliament by the Home Secretary.

Last August all police authorities in England and Wales were informed that the great need for more police officers, coupled with increased work due to the war, made it inadvisable that large numbers of trained men with full police powers should continue on duties which could be undertaken by intelligent women.

They were asked to make an immediate survey of the position in their own districts; to inquire into the practicability of the large-scale employment of women auxiliaries; and to submit their own views on the proposal.

Most police districts have now completed their reports.

It is estimated that the large-scale employment of women auxiliaries would release between 2,000 and 3,000 policemen for effective duties.

with Piano. Vocal: Two Little Doodie Bugs (Friend & Tobias); Arthur Askey with Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour

9.30 p.m.—Heddie Nash (Tenor) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra. Waltzes—Morning Papers (J. Strauss); Du und Du (Die Fledermaus) Strauss; Marek Weber & His Orchestra

If I Am Dreaming (from "The Dubarry"—Millock); The Shepherd's Song (from "John Offenbach") Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orch.

Peppermint Waltzes (Robrecht) Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Serenade (from "The Fair Maid of Perth" Bizet) Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra

Waltzes—Viennese Singing Birds (Translaten); Jolly on the Mountains (Fetras) Marek Weber & His Orchestra

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things"

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm (film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses (film "On the Avenue") Roy Fox & His Orchestra

Slow Fox-Trot—Me and the Moon; Comedy Waltz—Dandelion, Daisy and Daffodil Billy Cotton & His Band

Fox-Trots—Let's Call The Whole Thing Off; They Can't Take That Away from Me (film "Shall we Dance") Roy Fox & His Orch.

Quickstep—1 Like Bananas; Fox-Trot—Madam Ah! La Marquise Ah! Billy Cotton & His Band

Tangos—Callecita De Mi Novia; Ovi-dame... Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro

Slow Fox-Trot—Hypnotized; Waltz—Three Minutes of Heaven... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra

Fox-Trots—The Spider and the Fly; Howdy, Cloudy Morning?... Nat Gonella & His Georgians

Quickstep—Don't Say Goodbye... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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Sarah certainly had left William Bendish after less than a year of marriage but on looking him up some eight years after, she decided she would win him back. Marrying, though handicapped by the fact that Sarah and William were still married, was equally determined to become the second Mrs. Bendish.

The story of William's misadventures and of how Sarah eventually extricated him from them, to the satisfaction of every one forms the plot of A. A. Milne's brilliant comedy "Sarah Simple" which will be produced by the A.D.C. at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21, and 22 with a cast which includes Sheila Mackinlay, Claude Burgess, Day Sage, Joan Crichton, Tim F. and E. W. Kirby.

Early booking is advised as the Theatre is already almost booked to capacity for 21 and 22 and the A. D. C. look forward to an attendance which will enable them to add a further substantial contribution to the sum of \$5,610 which they have already subscribed to the Bomber Fund and the B. W. O. F.

DULL DAY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was mostly dull yesterday. Gift-edged securities were steady to firm and India stocks met some late buying. Industrials were widely marked down, especially Austin Motor and British Aluminium, on reduced dividends. Kaf-fairs were firmly held. Among foreign issues, there was some buying of Brazilians. Wall Street was quiet. Reuter.

THAILAND AND MOSCOW

The Thailand Minister to Moscow called on M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, yesterday and exchanged Notes establishing diplomatic relations between Thailand and the Soviet. M. Molotov later gave a luncheon in honour of the Thailand Minister. Reuter.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PLAN

The second batch of Indian candidates for training in industrial workshops in England, shortly to be selected, will consist of 50, of whom 10 will be selected from the Madras Presidency and native states in south India. Reuter.

INDIA'S ITALIAN PRISONERS

The Government of India has hitherto agreed to accommodate 44,000 Italian prisoners in India. In addition to the camps at Ramgarh and Bangalore, with a total capacity of 36,000, a third camp is

NAZI WEALTH FINDS LOOPHOLE IN RATIONS

(By A Correspondent)

THE GERMAN PRESS, in a period in which there is a lull in big news, has preoccupied itself with discussion of the food situation in Britain.

It has made heavy capital of reports of inequalities in the British rationing system. Behind this attitude is the task which the Reich faces of making wartime rations palatable to a Nation which, in peace, enjoyed eating well and freely.

Any system of rationing in a country as large as Germany is bound to develop loopholes which permit of privilege and pet's forms of bribery. But on the whole the rationing system has functioned to produce a relatively rigid equality of food for all of the people within those categories of food which are subject to rationing.

Ration Cards Required

During nearly a year of residence in wartime Germany, the writer never has obtained butter or meat without the appropriate ration cards. No Berlin restaurant would dare serve rationed items without collecting cards, in fact the waiter does not transmit the order to the kitchen without first having obtained the card. Care is taken, when staples are short, to see to it that shops in working-class sections are supplied with, enough to meet the ration requirements of the district. During last winter's cold spell potatoes were more plentiful in working-class sections than in upper-class areas.

However, this does not mean that the possession of surplus money goes entirely unrewarded at the table.

Actually, there are three categories of food in Germany:

1. Rationed staples.
2. Scarce staples which are doled out according to number whenever your number comes up.
3. Unrestricted luxuries where the old economic law of supply and demand is allowed to operate.

Possession of unlimited money can do relatively little in the first category, but in the second and third it can work wonders. In fact visitors arriving from the outside world get an impression from their ability to subsist in these second two categories that Germany is a land of opulence.

Household As Unit

The second category covers fish and fowl. For the ordinary German being established at Bhopal, with a capacity of 9,000.—Reuter.

man housewife prices of these have become astronomical. For these items a household is registered as a unit and given a number. I recently examined a card for a household of two persons. During the last five months these two obtained smoked fish twice, no fresh fish, fowl once.

Their fowl consisted of one wing of a turkey and a small piece of breast. But the numbered turn does not apply to hotels and restaurants. The expensive ones, at high prices of course, serve fresh fish, chicken, duck, and goose most of the time. I can be practically certain of finding a pheasant somewhere in Berlin any night of the week providing I am willing to pay the price.

The third category of high-priced luxuries is wide open for the man with money. Lobster, pate de foie gras, and oysters are plentiful at the expensive restaurants. Caviar was plentiful at 15 marks (nominally \$6) a portion until November when it disappeared. Perhaps the new Russian trade treaty will bring it back. But the prices are fabulous. An American with two guests indulged in caviar in the days when it existed. The rest of the meal was simple but the cost to him even at the registered mark rate, was \$70. A lobster can cost as much as 30 marks.

However, use of these facilities for eating well without the benefit of ration cards is limited and relatively inconspicuous. I know of only 10 places in Berlin where the luxuries can be found invariably. They are shunned by persons in prominent positions.

How To Beat Rations

A less expensive way to eat is to live in the country or on a farm. Persons who take their holidays in remote rural districts report that the importance of food cards diminishes in inverse ratio to the mileage from the big cities. Small mountain resort towns are well patronised this season, in fact reservations had to be made months in advance.

The best way of all to eat well in Germany is to earn the right, through service to the National Socialist Party or to the armed forces, to a permit for one of the occupied countries. Last winter the most prized was a permit to Prague, Czechoslovakia, which still was bursting then with the fruit of pre-war prosperity. To-day, Paris still ranks first with the Netherlands a close second. Even permits for Norway and Poland are prized as places where German money at mandatory rates of exchange can work wonders in uncovering luxuries now beyond the reach of the native population.

Generally speaking the advantages which exist are rewards to the faithful, according to Party standards. Since either the retention of inherited wealth or the acquisition of new wealth is increasingly a matter of Party policy, good things outside the orbit of rationing become both a reward and an incentive to Party loyalty.

One can live, even in Berlin, without using food cards at all. But to possess enough money to do so usually means that one is "right" with the right people. Inherited wealth in the hands of someone with "wrong" political views tends to find its way into the Nazi Party's "winter relief" fund or a Hitler Youth swimming pool. Even if a faithful Party servant has not found the money to eat lobster and pate de foie gras at public restaurants, his position usually admits him to clubs where the second category of chicken, fish, and goose are available at reasonable prices.

All this shows how under National Socialism the basis of privilege has shifted.

TAMAR BATSMEN IN FORM

The complete domination of the Tamar batsmen over a Combined eleven from R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. was the feature of a friendly cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Tamar won by 93 runs.

Chief scorers for Tamar were Whiteside, Boyes, West and Hopkins, while Stonor batted well for the Combined XI.

TAMAR	
Whiteside, run out	38
Boyes, c Merriek, b Pinkney	40
West, retired	64
Hopkins, b Emberson	20
Gay, b Emberson	0
Douglas, not out	11
Horgan, not out	11
Extras (W5, NB1)	6

Total (for 5 wks, dec) 190
Sharp, Snell, Barton and Jones did not bat.

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
Emberson	7 0 54 2
Haskins	6 0 33 0
Hemming	3 0 18 0
Pinkney	5 0 43 1
Stonor	4 0 34 0
Carden	1 0 2 0

COMBINED XI	
Stonor, c Horgan, b Barton	34
Hemming, lb.w., b West	6
Haskins, run out	7
Pinkney, b Barton	0
Barnes, c Barton, b West	0
Carden, lb.w., b Horgan	13
Merriek, c Whiteside, b Horgan	5
Pendergast, b Gay	2
Stone, c West, b Whiteside	12
Gardner, c Sharpe, b Whiteside	3
Emberson, not out	1
Extras (W4, B9, LB1)	14

Bowling Analysis	
	O. M. R. W.
West	8 2 18 2
Barton	10 1 34 2
Horgan	4 0 19 2
Gay	1 0 2 1
Douglas	1 0 2 0
Whiteside	1 0 8 2

KING'S WIN LAST MATCH

At King's Park on Monday night, King's College beat Club de Recreo by 5 games to 4 in "B" Division of the Badminton League.

King's have now qualified to play-off with Chung Wah for the championship of Section "A" of "B" Division.

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beat A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira 21-4

beat P. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha 21-6

K. L. Lui and T. S. Ho (King's),

beat Alves and Botelho 21-13

lost to Xavier and Pereira 20-24

lost to Yvanovich and Noronha 15-21

K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo

beat Alves and Botelho 21-14

lost to Xavier and Pereira 11-21

lost to Yvanovich and Noronha 14-21

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INEFFICIENCY OF SOCCER REFEREES IS ALLEGED

Council Upholds Referees' Decision On Facts

Eastern Leaving For Manila Soon

THE ALLEGED inefficiency of some referees and the general low standard of refereeing in the Colony at present was the subject of much discussion at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening in the Association's offices.

THE UPSHOT was that the Referees' sub-committee augmented by the appointment of Captain R. E. Guest, Lieut. H. S. Cooper, R.N. and Mr. H. K. Lee were asked to go into the matter and report to the Council.

The primary cause of this, was a protest from Kwong Wah on the handling of the Senior shield game between Kwong Wah and Eastern recently.

The letter stated that Kwong Wah was dissatisfied with the handling of the game and the adverse result to them was not nearly as much due to inferior play of ability as to very poor refereeing. It further stated that they were penalised to the advantage of their opponents and in this connection, quoted three incidents, but added that they were not suggesting that the referee was biased.

Mr. Holland's said that a referee's decisions on the laws of the game were final and whatever his decisions were they cannot be over-ruled.

Mr. C. Gungnam proposed that the result of the game should stand as the complaints were on points of fact and the referee's decision was final.

Capt. R. E. Guest pointed out that the Council, as a committee, should see that a game was being properly conducted and suggested that the manager of a team should, if he thought a referee not an efficient official, appeal before the start of the game, but once the referee took the field, he was very much one of the players and his decision could not be altered.

The proposal that the result should stand was put to the vote and was passed.

After the ordinary business had been dealt with the matter was again discussed.

Mr. Holland suggested that the matter be referred to the Referees' sub-committee for inquiry and to report to the Council.

Mr. H. K. Lee (Sing Tao) then referred to the report of the last Emergency sub-committee which dismissed a charge laid by a referee against Soong Ling-song (Sing Tao) for violent conduct for want of proof. He pointed out that it was a grave matter for a first class referee to lose control of himself and to accuse a player of violent conduct, and asked the Association to look into the matter.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the game was played at a time when the championship was in the balance and a very important player of Sing Tao was sent off. The actual result was a draw and Sing Tao lost a very valuable point. He added that he only brought the matter up in view of the other report before the Council.

Reports Welcomed

Mr. R. M. Omar (St. Joseph's) pointed out that at the start of the

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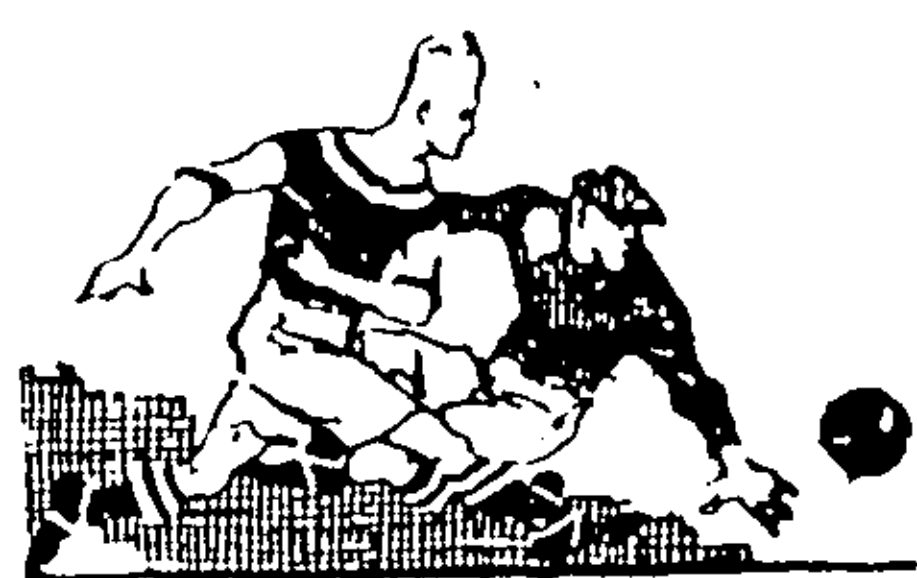
Football Association

Chinese Federation.

Navy Ground, 3.30 p.m.

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season he suggested that clubs, having complaints, should make these in writing to the association. He, as a member of the Referees' sub-committee and as a referee would welcome any written complaints rather than have verbal remarks and insinuations passed.

Mr. Lee suggested that as the task before the sub-committee would be a tremendous one certain members of the Council be co-opted to deal with the matter.

An application by Eastern to leave the Colony for Manila was granted. They proposed to leave on March 26 and return by April 8.

ARMY HELD BY NAVY

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Army were held to a goalless draw by Navy in the second game of the Kotewall Charity Cup competition but the latter team had several scoring chances early in the game and in the closing stages.

The outstanding player in the Navy defence was O'Regan, who kicked and tackled well. The defences of both sides had a good hold on the opposing forwards with the result that neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled.

Army had the stronger intermediate-line in which Bright shone, while he was given good support by Birrell and Freshwater.

For the greater part of the game Army was on the offensive but the stout resistance of the Navy backs and faulty shooting prevented a score.

Duffield, on the left-wing, was seen in some good movements and on one occasion Roughley spoiled a good movement of his.

After the interval Navy improved and kept on pressure and though Hendy went through several times he shot wide. Fox had only Giff to beat near the end but he shot weakly and Giff cleared. Soon after the goalkeeper did well to save a shot from Birrell and later from Weir.

ARMY — Bankier, Naysmith, Fraser, Birrell, Bright, Freshwater, Munroe, Fox, Hossack, Weir, Duffield.

NAVY — Giff, Roughley, O'Regan, Paul, Hazard, Hawkins, Anderson, Le Page, Hendy, Barber, Skinner.

In a Third Division soccer encounter between the Royal Corps of Signals and the 38th Royal Artillery, played at Soccer yesterday, the former won 2-1.

SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw for the Semi-finals of the Shield Competitions:

SENIOR	
Eastern	v Navy
St. Joseph's	v South China
JUNIOR	
Service Corps	v Navy
Sing Tao	v South China

'S.H.' Cup Final Team

The final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, between England and Scotland, will take place at the Boundary Street ground on Sunday, March 30, it was decided at the monthly Council meeting of the H.K.F.A. yesterday.

The following have been selected to represent England:

Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Roughley (Navy), Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police), Bright (Middlesex), Thomas (Middlesex), Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Saw (Middlesex) and Marable (Middlesex).

Reserves:—Moxham (R.E.), Parker (Middlesex), Britt (Navy), Parker (Police), Forrow (Club), Fox (R.E.), Barber (Navy) and Coomer (Middlesex).

COLONY BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KING'S COLLEGE	
Junior Singles	
J. L. Anderson v H. Weng-toh	(7.00 p.m.)
Senior Singles	
S. Amplanavar v P. K. Hooi	(7.45 p.m.)
Junior Doubles	
T. S. Young and D. Chelliah v M. K. Fung v K. H. Khoo	(8.30 p.m.)

LUGARD SCORES IN 'VARSITY ATHLETICS

WINNING THE MILE RELAY and the Javelin Throw and scoring in every other final contested yesterday, Lugard Hall ran into a long lead in the annual University inter-hostel athletic championship being decided this week at Pokfulam.

Eliot Hall and Ricci Hall claimed two first places each and Morrison won a single event, the Hop-Step-Jump. May Hall and St. John's Hall were nowhere in the picture.

The sports will be concluded on Saturday when the usual crowds of spectators will be entertained.

THE RESULTS

Results yesterday were:—220 Yards Low Hurdles Final:—1. T. T. Chin (Eliot); 2. S. H. Liang (Ricci); 3. S. Mahmud (Lugard). Time: 28 1/5 secs.

Javelin Throw Final:—1. N. Singh (Lugard) 133 feet 0 1/2 inch; 2. E. Mazuza (Lugard) 128 feet 1 inch; 3. G. Schiller (Lugard) 120 feet 5 1/2 ins.; 4. S. S. Khor (St. John's) 116 feet 7 ins.

220 Yards Semi-Final:—Heat 1: 1. W. S. Gegg (Lugard); 2. E. Mazuza (Lugard); 3. S. Mahmud (Lugard). Time: 25 secs. Heat 2: 1. S. H. Liang (Ricci); 2. J. Fenton (Morrison); 3. V. Zaitzeff (Lugard). Time: 25 secs.

One Mile Final:—1. K. K. Tan (Eliot); 2. O. V. Cheung (Morrison); 3. V. Vorobloff (Lugard); 4. P. Lui (Morrison). Time: 6 mins. 43 1/5 secs.

CLUB PLAY WELL BUT GUNNERS WIN

IN A friendly Rugby game on Club ground yesterday, Combined Royal Artillery beat Club "A" by three tries (9 points) to a goal (5 points) after a scoreless first half.

Club on the whole gave a good show, and in the first half held a superior team in check besides having their share of the play.

Wright-Nooth played well in the first half as forward and in the second half was seen at back when he was prominent with his tackling.

In the forward line Olesen and Dalziel were outstanding while Dunnett hooked amazingly well and thus greatly handicapped the speedy Royal Artillery backs.

Skipwith was outstanding among the Gunners' three quarters, although more scoring might have resulted had he passed sooner on several occasions after having gained valuable ground.

Wederburn, the Army scrum-half, played in the pack and Dobbins was seen at scrum half but he did not have a very good match, excelling only on the occasion that he scored his try. Page and Bompas were prominent among the forwards.

Club opened the scoring through Carruthers who cut through and scored between the posts for Aitkenhead to convert. Gunners

scored shortly after through Richards in the corner but Cook failed. Gunners were soon in the lead when Marsh scored the second try. In the closing minutes Dobbins punted ahead and secured possession to score close in. Cook failed to add further points on both occasions.

CLUB — Walkden; Didsbury Milner, Carruthers, Needham; Aitkenhead, Morgan; Dalziel, Godfrey, Olson, McEwan, Wright-Nooth, Heaseman, Dunnett and Moodie.

R.A. — Easterbrook; Marsh, Sutcliffe, Skipwith, Richards, Hook, Dobbins; Bumpers, Wedderburn, Delderfield, Turner, Pain, Page, Cooke and McDermott.

DRAW FOR H.K.C.C. TOURNEY

Following is the draw for the handicap events in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament:—

HANDICAP SINGLES

Bye—C. H. R. Oxlade (—3/6) v P. J. Elder (plus 1/6); First Round—G. Campbell (plus 2/6) v R. E. Guest (—15.1); F. W. Carter (1/6) v V. R. Gordon (—3/6); H. Van Leeuwen (—2/6) v L. P. Ralph (plus 1/6); H. J. Armstrong (—15.5) v E. H. Brazel (—2/6); G. W. Sewell (—4/6) v S. L. Maughan (—2/6); H. C. D. Knight (—2/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (—3/6); T. J. Gould (—15.2) v D. A. Murdoch (2/6); A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v H. E. Waller (plus 3/6); T. C. Monaghan (—3/6) v P. Wynter-Blyth (—2/6); M. A. Bierens de Haan (Scratch) v A. T. Dow (—3/6); F. D. Hunter (plus 2/6) v S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6); J. Stirling Lee (—2/6) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6); Bye—D. S. Robb (plus 3/6) v E. R. Childe (plus 1/6).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Bye—C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (—5/6) v E. H. Brazel and G. P. Charlton (—3/6); R. E. Guest and B. Fay (—30) v F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (—2/6); L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (—3/6) v C. O. Shackleton and G. F. Harrison (scratch); First Round—H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (—3/6); A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (—3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (—2/6); H. Van Leeuwen and M. A. Bierens de Haan (—3/6) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (—15.2); B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow (—5/6) v J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith (—3/6); Bye—G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (—15.1) v V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (—3/6); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scratch) v N. Spence and E. Newton (—1/6); W. R. Lambert and N. D. Lloyd (—1/6) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (—15).

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES

Bye—T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (—15.2); First Round—C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (—4/6) v F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (—1/6); E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (—2/6) v J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley (—15); S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneman (—1/6) v A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (—5/6); Mrs. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel (—3/6); V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (—4/6) v H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell (—3/6); Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Small (—3/6); Bye—A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church (—3/6).

ST. STEPHEN'S SPORTS

St. Stephen's sports will be held at Stanley on Saturday at 2.10 p.m. Mrs. W. M. Shiu will distribute the prizes.

FUTURE OF ENGLISH HORSE-RACING BRIGHT

Good Summer Season Envisaged

HOPE SPRINGS ETERNAL IN THE HUMAN BREAST, SOMETIMES WITH GOOD CAUSE AND SOMETIMES WITH VERY LITTLE, STATES A RECENT MESSAGE FROM LONDON.

In the case of English racing there is justification for the attitude, and there is reason to believe that this summer's flat-racing season will be a good one. Not, of course, up to ordinary standards, but pretty good, nevertheless.

Owners have shown confidence in the survival, and revival, of racing by keeping their horses in training, and by buying at recent sales on a fairly big scale. Prices were in most cases a long way below peace-time levels, but a good deal of money changed hands, and the fact that so many horses were bought is a good sign.

Some of the foals fetched good prices, and it is significant that they will not race until 1942. Only the very hopeful expect a season approaching peace-time standard this year, but it is obvious that many owners expect things to be well back to normal a year later.

Horses Sold

Since the war started, many good British horses, including the 1936 Derby winner, Mahmoud, have gone abroad, and the important British bloodstock exporting industry has been maintained. But it is interesting to notice that most of the horses bought at the Newmarket sales are to stay in England.

It will be to the benefit of English racing, as opposed to the breeding and exporting industries, that they should stay at home, but they are not doing so because English buyers outbid those from overseas. The fact is that the details of the sales were arranged in something of a hurry, and it was too late to circulate catalogues abroad.

A great stimulus to racing is the fact that the King will be taking part in the sport again this year.

He has several horses in training with Willie Jarvis, and in addition has sent two yearling colts to be prepared for whatever racing there is this season. They are King's Scholar, by Felstead out of Bread Card, and an unnamed colt by Fairway out of Papilla.

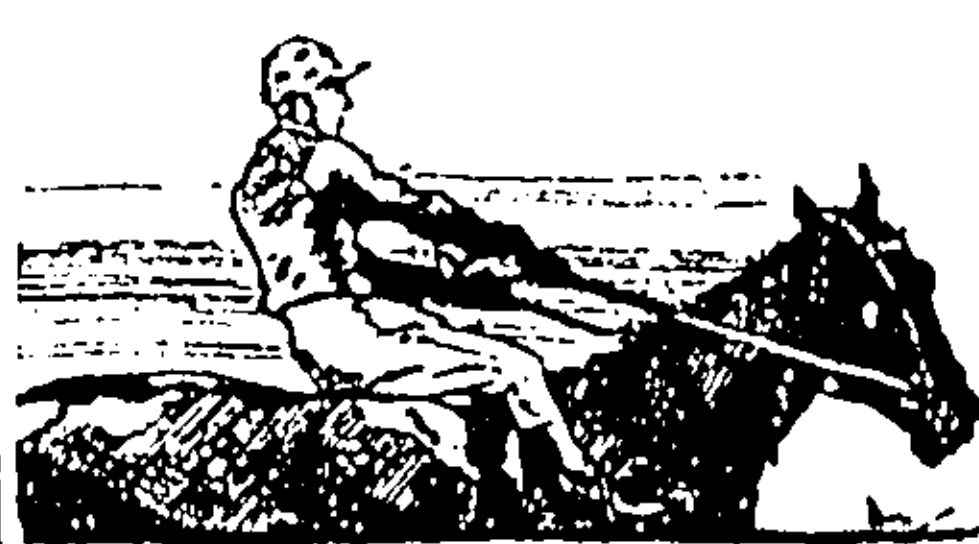
The King's brother-in-law, Lord Harewood, a leading member of the Jockey Club, is also continuing to race, and has sent four more horses to the Egerton House stables.

The future of racing depends on a great extent on the attitude of the Government, but the fact that the King is preparing to go on racing is a useful pointer.

Allnatt Confident

One man with confidence in the future of racing is a new owner, Mr. A. E. Allnatt, a farmer and builder, who spent £10,000 on blood-stock at the Newmarket sales and hopes to win the Derby this year at his first attempt.

The horse he hopes will bring success in the Derby is Sun Lore, a two-year-old by the Derby win-



and Guineas, Derby and St. Leger. Mr. Allnatt spent £5,000 on Sun Lore and another £5,000 on 11 yearlings from the Aga Khan's stud. They will all be trained by Lawson at Manton. "Mr. Allnatt has never yet raced a horse," said Lawson to Reuter, "but he is a good sportsman and of the best type as an owner. I hope to do well for him. I shall keep seven of the yearlings, and the other four will probably go to Victor Smyth."—Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE FRENCH HORSES OVER RHINE

As was expected, the Germans are sorting out the horses found in the occupied parts of France and sending the best of them to Germany. They will, no doubt, include some of the horses that have beaten all the German opposition in the biggest races of the Reich.

Nearly all the leading French studs are situated in Normandy, which is in the occupied territory. When invasion threatened many of the horses in training were removed to the south, but it was not found possible to do this with most of the mares, stallions and yearlings at the studs, though some of the more valuable stallions were removed.

Stable employees were sworn not to let the Germans know the identity of those remaining, though it is doubtful whether the knowledge can be kept from them long. — Reuter.

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ACCIDENT AT VALLEY

By "Rapier"

An accident, fortunately not of a serious nature, befell Mr. Moller's Russian riding boy this morning.

He took out Velvetlight for its morning exercise, and as the pony walked along towards the winning post, it suddenly became restive, taking the rider completely by surprise and unseating him. His head struck the ground, and he was stunned for a time. The riding boy, however, soon recovered after receiving attention in the jockey room, but he did not ride again, the pony being later taken out by another Russian boy.

IMPERIAL FORCES CLOSING IN PINCERS IN ABYSSINIA

Troops Now Smashing Through To Harar

JAMAICAN UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

A new Constitution for Jamaica, based on universal suffrage, was announced by the Under-Secretary for the Colonies, Mr. George Hall, in the House of Commons yesterday.

THE PRELIMINARY STAGES WILL BE A CENSUS AND REORGANISATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT, AND IN THE MEANTIME OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION IN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL WILL BE CONFINED TO THE COLONIAL SECRETARY, TREASURER AND ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

The resulting vacancies will be filled by nomination in which care will be taken to ensure that all important sections and interests of the community are adequately represented. — Reuter.

VICHY DENIAL

A denial that the French Government has placed Moroccan bases at the disposal of Germany, was contained in a Vichy broadcast yesterday. It is learned in Dublin. — Reuter.

No Serious Resistance Encountered

THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES IN ABYSSINIA ARE SMASHING THEIR WAY BY ROAD IN LORRIES AND TRUCKS TOWARDS THE IMPORTANT CENTRE OF HARAR.

They have covered 120 miles in two days, meeting with no resistance apart from spasmodic air attacks.

Questioned on the possibility of Italian resistance at Jijiga and Harar, a military spokesman in Cairo told Reuter yesterday: "Our forces are making a back door entry. The Italians planned their defences to the north, facing Djibouti, and did not expect an offensive from the south."

All round Abyssinia, British and Abyssinian patriot troops are steadily beating back the Italians.

THE ITALIANS FLEEING FROM BURYE TO DEBRAMARCOS HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND THE CROSSING OF THE TEMSHA RIVER, WHERE A STAND WAS EXPECTED.

Double Thrust

In western Abyssinia, the British are making a double thrust along dusty camel tracks and through high elephant grass towards Asosa, where a strong garrison is still holding out.

Sudanese and East African troops captured Afodu escarpment, laying the way open to

Asosa, after ambushing the Italians and capturing four guns and much equipment. — Reuter.

600 Miles North Of Mogadiscio

THE IMPERIAL TROOPS ARE CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCE IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND HAVE OCCUPIED DAG-HABUR, 600 MILES TO THE NORTH OF MOGADISCIO.

The Italian losses since the British crossing of the Juba River are now estimated at over 31,000.

Announcing these latest successes, British General Headquarters in Cairo say that in other sectors the Imperial troops are continuing their pursuit of the Italian forces retreating towards the Italian border. — Reuter.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE'S GOOD WORK

APPROXIMATELY £2,000 WEEKLY IS REQUIRED TO MEET MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

This was revealed by Mr. Gilbert Carr, acting director of the American Ambulance in Great Britain, yesterday.

This, he said, was borne entirely by subscriptions from the U.S. and American residents in Britain. Recently a donation of \$100,000 was received from the British War Relief Society of America for maintenance of a fleet of 260 motorised ambulances, surgical units and mobile first aid points.

The American Ambulance established a record recently, Mr. Gilbert Carr said, when in four hours they evacuated 428 people from a Cardiff hospital during a heavy air raid. — British Wireless.

ITALIANS COMMENCE GENERAL OFFENSIVE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Italian Losses

All positions captured by the Greeks were firmly held, and the Italians were driven back at the bayonet point.

Three senior officers captured confirmed that Italian losses in Albania total 130,000. — Reuter.

General Offensive

A general Italian offensive along a 12-mile front in the central sector of the Albanian front has developed since dawn on Tuesday, announces the Greek Press Ministry in a statement broadcast from Athens last night.

THIS FOLLOWED ITALIAN COUNTER-ATTACKS OF THE PRECEDING THREE DAYS.

The Italians have been repulsed everywhere with "terrible losses" and the Greek forces retain the initiative, adds the Greek announcement, and "not an inch of ground has been lost by the Greeks." — Reuter.

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All attacks were repulsed by the Greek forces, the communique continues, and Italian losses were considerable.

Two hundred prisoners, including four officers, were captured.

The Greek air force contributed to the success of these operations. — Reuter.

It is authoritatively stated that His Excellency Sir Geoffrey Northcote is now expected to land at Queen's Pier at 5.30 p.m. to-day.

If Sir Geoffrey's ship should be further delayed and the ship has not reached Kowloon Bay at 6.15 p.m., there will be no reception at Queen's Pier.



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SUICIDAL COUNTER-ATTACKS

Italian General Offensive In Centre Collapses

TURKEY CLOSSES FRONTIER

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

All railway traffic between Bulgaria and Turkey was suspended temporarily last night and the frontier closed as Turkey completed defence preparations against possible landings by parachute.

Meanwhile investigation has disclosed that the bombs which exploded in the Pera Palace Hotel soon after the arrival of Mr. George Rendel were of Bulgarian origin.

Six newspapers have been suspended in Istanbul on a charge of sensationalising the bombing.

Mr. Rendel is to remain in Istanbul three days and will then proceed to Cairo. — International News Service.

NEW TREATY RIDDLE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

A NEW TREATY BETWEEN THAILAND AND FRENCH INDO-CHINA IS TO BE DRAFTED IN TOKYO "UNDER THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE JAPANESE FOREIGN OFFICE," ACCORDING TO A REPORT, QUOTING RELIABLE JAPANESE SOURCES.

The report says that the Thailand and French Indo-China delegations which have just signed the Thai-Indo-China Agreement, will remain in Tokyo to draft and sign the new treaty.

No indication of the nature of the treaty is disclosed, but it is said that experts from the Governments are to be invited to assist in drafting the new treaty. — International News Service.

GREEKS WILL RESIST

THE NEWLY-APPOINTED ACTING GOVERNOR OF THRACE, M. KOTZIAS, HITHERTO GOVERNOR OF ATHENS, HAS ALREADY ARRIVED AT CAVALLA, A SEAPORT HALF WAY BETWEEN SALONIKA AND THE TURKISH FRONTIER, ON A NARROW STRIP OF TERRITORY BOUNDED ON THE NORTH BY BULGARIA AND ON THE EAST BY TURKEY.

A significant order to the local authorities marked his arrival.

He enjoined them to do their duty to their country and reaffirmed the Government's resolve to resist aggression. — Reuters.

Whole Battalions Annihilated

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE ITALIANS IN the past two days have suffered some of their greatest reverses since they attacked Greece, and several Blackshirt battalions have been virtually annihilated during suicidal counter-attacks against the Greeks in the Tepelini sector.

The announcement over Athens radio that Mussolini, who has been in Albania for five days, is returning to Italy on Saturday, tends to indicate that the Duce has lost faith in the ability of the harassed Italians to stave off Greek capture of the Tepelini area, according to the Greeks. — International News Service.

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GIBRALTAR BOMBED BY ISOLATED PLANE

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It was reported in La Linea yesterday that for the second time in two days a single plane bombed Gibraltar.

Anti-aircraft batteries were machine-gunned, it was added. — International News Service.

NAZI REQUEST REFUSED

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

It is reported from Madrid that General Franco has refused Germany permission to fly planes over Spanish territory in order to attack Gibraltar and that Spain has reiterated her decision to observe strict neutrality.

This contradicts rumours that Spain was about to join the Axis Pact. — International News Service.

FRANCE MAKES NO PRETENCES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A CLEAR INDICATION that France ceded to force in signing the Japanese-inspired Thailand-Indo-China Agreement was provided in an official statement issued in Vichy last night.

The statement starts off by denouncing Thailand's claims, saying, that under the Treaties of 1904 and 1907, there was no "judicial foundation" for the territorial claims made by Thailand.

Continuing, the statement adds that it was only to remove one of the "trouble centres" which the Japanese desired to "eliminate" to establish peace in the Far East, that induced France to sign the agreement.

It can be said, continues the statement, that this agreement was a Franco-Japanese Agreement to which the Thai-Indo-China Agreement was merely incidental.

The question now is whether the Japanese will withdraw the many military observers stationed in Thailand and French Indo-China and the Japanese warships in and around Thai and Indo-China territorial waters, and what demands, in payment for the role played by Japan are about to be presented to Thailand. — International News Service.

NEW GERMAN THREAT TO YUGOSLAVIA

It is reported that a new German Note to Yugoslavia demands active assistance for the Axis if Yugoslavia wants a place reserved for her in the new order in Europe. — Reuters.

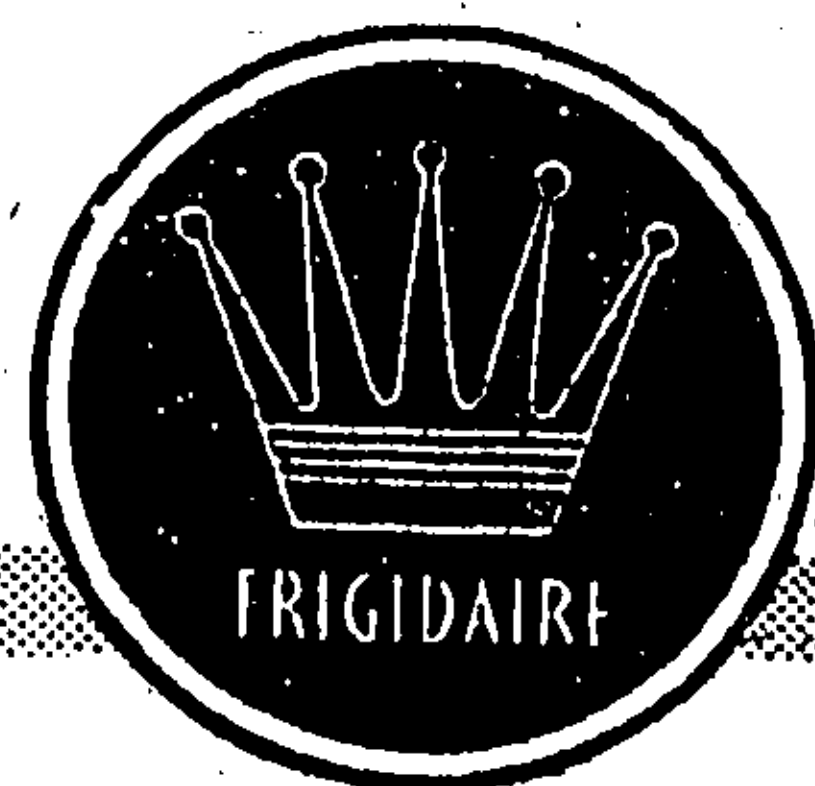
YUGOSLAV DEFIANCE OF NAZIS

While German diplomatic pressure on the Yugoslav Government is believed to continue strong, the atmosphere in Belgrade generally is more cheerful, as it is believed by the public that a decision has been taken that German aggression would be resisted.

WELL-INFORMED QUARTERS IN BELGRADE DECLARED LAST NIGHT THAT A NEW GERMAN NOTE HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO YUGOSLAVIA, CONTAINING PROPOSALS FOR "ACTIVE ASSISTANCE" FOR THE AXIS IN RETURN FOR A RESERVED PLACE FOR YUGOSLAVIA IN THE "NEW ORDER" IN EUROPE.

Precise nature of the proposals is not indicated but it is believed they will be rejected, as it now appears clear that Yugoslavia wishes to remain neutral rather than non-belligerent.

Following receipt of the Note from Germany, the Foreign Minister made a report to the Regency and later the proposals were examined. (Continued on Page 16)



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Allied Diplomats Of Small States Humiliated

Istanbul Bombs Planted In Sofia

NO COMMENT IS available in official quarters in London on the bomb outrage at Istanbul in which Mr. George Rendel, British Minister to Bulgaria, was nearly a victim, as details have not yet been received.

News has been received, however, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent, of the humiliating and cynical treatment of the Polish, Belgian and Dutch representatives by the Bulgarian authorities.

When the German occupation of Bulgaria became a fait accompli, the Ministers of these countries requested the usual diplomatic facilities in order to leave Sofia.

THEY WERE INFORMED, HOWEVER, THAT THE BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT HAD LONG SINCE CEASED TO RECOGNISE THEM AS THE ACCREDITED REPRESENTATIVES OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, BUT ONLY AS EXILE REFUGEES.

The Dutch and Polish Ministers were further told that the Bulgarian Government was prepared to make every effort to facilitate their movements if they wished to return to Holland and Poland.

Cynical Impertinence

It is felt in authoritative London circles that it would be hard to find a parallel for such a cynical impertinence in the treatment of properly accredited diplomats.

It was owing to this attitude of the Bulgarian authorities that Mr. Rendel delayed his departure until his three colleagues and their staffs were safely across the frontier.

Meanwhile, confirmation that the bomb which exploded at the Pera Palace Hotel was secreted among the baggage of the British Legation party while still in Sofia, is contained in an official statement issued following enquiries in Istanbul.

Official Statement

The statement says: "Two valises which had been placed among the luggage of the British Legation staff at Sofia prior to the special train's departure arrived here and one was taken to the hotel, where it exploded a few moments after arrival."

The statement adds: "The second valise was found at another hotel among the baggage of a member of the British Legation staff."

"Following the explosion this gentleman became suspicious and, on opening the valise, found an infernal machine resembling a wireless battery."

"He submitted it to expert examination which revealed that it contained explosive material. This was rendered harmless."

"Three persons were killed and 22 injured. The inquiry is proceeding."

Two Policemen Killed

Two policemen and a chambermaid were among those who lost their lives in the explosion, it is officially confirmed.—Reuter.

DOUBLED AIM

WINCHESTER IS ONE OF FOUR CITIES, AND TOWNS WHICH, ON COMPLETION OF THEIR WAR WEARONS WEEKS, HAVE RAISED MORE THAN DOUBLE THE AMOUNT AIMED AT.

Winchester, aiming at £320,000, raised £651,103.

Colonial help for the Red Cross St. John Fund in London, meanwhile, comes from the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross, who have sent £5,000. The money is a result of this year's drive so far and brings the colony's cash contributions to the Red Cross to £39,000.

MUSSOLINI EXAMINES THE WRECK

Mussolini has been in Albania for the past five days, supervising operations, reported Athens radio last night.

The Duce is reported to have said he is returning to Rome on Saturday.—Reuter.

PLIGHT OF BRITISH SHIPPING ON THE CHINA COAST

THE PLIGHT OF BRITISH shipping, in the face of Japanese obstruction to the re-opening of the waterway to Canton, was mentioned by Mr. I. C. Hannah (Cons. Bilston) in the House of Commons yesterday.

Mr. Hannah suggested retaliatory measures on Japanese shipping in British ports.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied that negotiations had been progressing for sometime but without result, and representations were made to the Japanese Government.

"His Majesty's Government have under constant review such measures as it may be possible to take to remedy the existing situation, and a report on the latest position has been called for," Mr. Butler added.

Mr. Hannah requested information about the seven-point programme of the Peiping Anti-British Association.

Mr. Butler outlined the activities of the association and added there was no proof that the movement receives direct support from the Japanese authorities but anti-British speeches were made over the Peiping central broadcasting station, which Japan controls.

The movement did not appear to have assumed any degree of importance but further developments would be closely watched.

Shanghai Situation

Suggesting that the whole position under which trade is done at Shanghai was "extremely unsatisfactory," Mr. Hannah urged Government to call for a report from consular officers, especially regarding allegations of a widespread system of bribery exacted by Japanese officials.

Mr. Butler drew attention to his previous reply and added that Government had been kept fully informed about trade conditions in Shanghai.—Reuter.

Peiping Programme

The programme of the anti-British committee in Peiping, Mr. Butler said, includes activities such as warning Chinese landlords to give notice to British tenants, investigating British goods and trade, bringing pressure to bear on those in British employment to leave, and intensification of anti-British propaganda generally.—British Wireless.

RHODES ISLAND AIR BASES HEAVILY BOMBED

RHODES ISLAND, in the Dodecanese, was subjected to a heavy raid by R.A.F. bombers during the night of Monday/Tuesday.

Calato, an enemy aerodrome half way between Linkos and Lakania, was bombed, causing a large fire in the south-west corner of the aerodrome, following four heavy explosions and several smaller ones.

An R.A.F. Middle East communiqué announcing these operations says that aerodromes at Maritza and Kattavia were also attacked, causing fires.

It was the second night in succession that aerodromes on Rhodes were bombed. Considerable damage was done to dispersed enemy aircraft. All the British planes returned undamaged.

Albania Raids

Troop movements and motor transport on the Glava-Buzi road, in Albania, were again attacked on Tuesday, when British fighters intercepted a large formation of enemy fighters in the central front sector, five being shot down and a number of others severely damaged.

Further attacks were made on a railway in Eritrea.

Regarding operations in Abyssinia, the communiqué says enemy motor transport on the Jijiga-Harar road was machine-gunned and an Italian bomber in Jijiga aerodrome shot up by aircraft of the South African Air Force.

This aerodrome appeared deserted.

Fighter Protection

Fighter aircraft gave advancing British troops protection.

It is now known that five enemy aircraft were destroyed in the raid on an enemy aerodrome on Tripolitania announced on Tuesday.

The communiqué adds that enemy aircraft raided Malta during the night of Monday/Tuesday but caused only slight damage.

One German heavy bomber was shot down by British fighters, and A.A. destroyed another enemy aircraft.

From all operations the British aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

PURPOSE OF MATSUOKA JOURNEY

Mr. Matsuoka's trip to Europe is evidence how much Japan "expects from the Tripartite Pact and how she places full confidence," states the Tokyo "Yomiuri Shim-bun."

"The journey will disillusion England and America, who are hoping that Japan's defection from her Axis partners will disrupt the pact."

The paper adds: "What Mr. Matsuoka is seeking is a strengthening of the Axis through complete understanding among the three signatories, as well as a better grasp of the outlook on the international situation."

"Only then can a formula for settlement of the China conflict and the policies of wartime diplomacy be firmly established."

Recalling the Imperial Rescript issued last year, when the pact was signed, the paper emphasised that Japan's objective lay in "enabling each nation to find its proper place and all individuals to live in peace and security." —Reuter.

MATSUOKA LEAVES FOR BERLIN

Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, left Tokyo last night for Berlin and Rome for talks with Hitler and Mussolini.

Accompanied by a staff of 11, he was seen off by the Ministers of War and Navy, other Cabinet Ministers, the Army Chief of Staff, Italian, German and Rumanian diplomats and a number of German and Italian officers.

Hundreds of people thronged the station cheering as the train left.—Reuter.

BOUND OVER

For stealing 11 bars of soap, 12 candles and one gallon of kerosene, from one of H. M. Ships in harbour yesterday, Yip Tak-ku, 37, carpenter, was bound over by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning.

Accused was arrested while carrying the articles in a basket when leaving the pier opposite the China Fleet Club yesterday afternoon.

KIEL RAIDED IN MOONLIGHT

DESCRIBING Tuesday night's attack on Kiel, the Air Ministry news service states that aircraft of the Bomber Command flew through thick cloud until they reached the Friesian Islands.

There the sky cleared and very soon the ground was moonlit so that pilots were able to map read their way to Germany.

The Kiel Canal was visible from a distance of 50 miles. At Kiel the docks and town stood out in such sharp relief that pilots could see some of the small creeks were icebound though the main waterways were clear.

In spite of a concentrated barrage from this well-defended naval base the pilots took their time and many were over the targets for over half an hour.

The clear weather and the great care taken to ensure hitting the target leave no doubt about the result.

Shipyards Hit

Many sticks of bombs were seen to burst on a shipbuilding yard as on other docks. One pilot counted five bursts right across the docks, the first exactly at the water's edge.

In the shipbuilding yard a large explosion followed the bombing and there was an extensive fire in the industrial centre of the city.

Attacks were also made on Bremerhaven, where a number of warehouses were hit and soon afterwards volumes of smoke rose high into the air.—British Wireless.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK DEADLOCK

A CONFERENCE, FIRST OF ITS KIND, OF PROMINENT PERSONALITIES IN INDIA, MEETS IN BOMBAY TO-DAY. SIR TEJ BAHADUR SAPRU PRESIDING, TO DISCUSS AND FIND OUT WAYS AND MEANS TO RESOLVE THE PRESENT POLITICAL DEADLOCK.

Meanwhile interest has been aroused by the statement of Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan in the Punjab Assembly that the ideal solution would be for Hindus and Muslims to accept the respective majority provinces and then devise a control agency which would be elastic and devoid of a dominating spirit.

Units could cut adrift if the control agency was found not to be working satisfactorily.—Reuter.

INDIAN SCIENTIST HONOURED

Sir C. V. Raman has been awarded the Franklin Medal of the Franklin Institute, Philadelphia, in recognition of his brilliant contribution to physical science. The Medal previously had been awarded to Einstein, Millikan and Compton.—Reuter.

In addition several thousand pounds were spent locally.—British Wireless.

THE PREMIER THANKS AMERICA

"Generous And Far-Seeing Statesmanship" Commons' Outburst Of Applause

MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS VENTED THE LOUDEST CHEERING FOR A LONG TIME YESTERDAY AFTERNOON WHEN MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL MADE A BRIEF STATEMENT ON THE PASSAGE OF THE AMERICAN LEASE AND LEND BILL. EVERY SENTENCE PROVOKED A NEW AND LOUDER OUTBURST.

"I am sure," said the Premier, "that the House would wish me to express our deep and respectful appreciation of this moment of generous and far-seeing statesmanship."

"The most powerful Democracy has, in effect, declared in a solemn statute that they will devote their overwhelming industrial and financial strength to assuring the defeat of Nazism in order that nations, great and small, may live in security, tolerance and freedom."

"The Government and people of the United States have written a new Magna Carta which not only has regard to the rights and laws on which a healthy and advancing civilisation can alone be reached, but also proclaims by precept and example that it is the duty of free men and nations everywhere to share the responsibility and the burden of enforcing them."

"On behalf of the Government and the nation and in the name of all freedom-loving peoples, I offer the United States our gratitude for her inspiring act of faith."

When the Commons are particularly wholeheartedly behind any Government statement they try to emphasise the fact by asking no supplementary questions.

Broadcast Suggested

Hence there were cries of dissent when the Liberal National, Mr. Granville Rose, put a question proved to be designed to underline the country's gratitude to the United States.

He asked whether "in view of the great importance of this statement, the Premier will consider a broadcast to the United States in similar terms and on a wavelength which could be heard by the British people."

Mr. Churchill replied: "I must choose the exact moment."

By a coincidence, six members of the United States military

mission who are in Britain on matters connected with aviation, happened to be in the House when Mr. Churchill spoke. — Reuter.

MR. MACDONALD INSPECTS AIRMEN

Pilot's and airmen serving in Britain with a Royal Canadian Air Force squadron of the Army Cooperation Command were inspected yesterday by the newly-appointed High Commissioner to Canada.

Mr. Macdonald said his visit would enable him to give people in Canada an impression of their flight and work in Britain and of the great part they are playing in the common struggle. — British Wireless Service.

Roosevelt's Message To Congress

"I STRONGLY URGE THE IMMEDIATE ENACTMENT OF THIS APPROPRIATION," DECLARED PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO MR. RAYBURN, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, TRANSMITTING DETAILED ESTIMATES FOR \$7,000,000,000 FOR AIDING BRITAIN AND THE ALLIES.

The budget director splits the appropriation into several categories, of which by far the largest is \$2,000,000,000 for aircraft and aeronautical material.

In addition to other large sums for various armaments, the appropriation includes \$629,000,000 for vessels, boats and other watercraft and equipment, supplies and spares.

Another item is \$200,000,000 for testing, inspecting and repairing defence articles for the government of any country whose defence the President deems vital to the defence of the United States.

This presumably would be used partly for repairing British warships at American bases.

Adequate Arsenal

Striking phrases in President Roosevelt's letter to Mr. Rayburn ran:—

"Our country is determined to do its part in creating an adequate arsenal for Democracy. This great arsenal will be here in this country. It will be the bulwark of our own defence, it will be a source of tools of defence for all Democracies who are fighting to preserve themselves against aggression."

Plans are being formulated, to rush the President's request through Congress.

The Appropriations Bill will probably be ready for debate on Monday and Tuesday. The House Appropriations Committee will begin hearings to-day. President Roosevelt called a

meeting yesterday afternoon of Government witnesses who will testify before the Committee.

Mr. Rayburn declared: "We shall put everything else aside." — Reuter.

OFFICIAL AGENT ARRIVES IN LISBON

MR. AVERILL HARRIMAN ARRIVED BY AIR IN LISBON YESTERDAY ON THE WAY TO LONDON, WHERE HE WILL REPRESENT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT IN CO-ORDINATING THE DELIVERY OF WAR MATERIALS TO BRITAIN UNDER THE LEASE AND LEND BILL.

With him, also on the way to England, was Mr. Anthony Drexel Biddle, U.S. Ambassador to the exiled Governments of Poland, Belgium, Norway and Holland.

Another arrival — from Egypt — is Mr. Fish, new U.S. Minister to Portugal. — Reuter.

MR. EDEN VISITS EGYPTIAN PREMIER

Mr. Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary, visited the Egyptian Foreign Ministry yesterday and had an hour's talk with Hussein Siry Pasha, the Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Mr. Eden also visited Prince Mohammed Ali. — Reuter.

HITLER TURNS UP AT LINZ

Hitler unexpectedly arrived at Linz, in Austria, last night to participate in the celebrations commemorating the "liberation of Ostmark three years ago," says a Linz despatch to the German news agency. — Reuter.

NAZIS TAKE NO SHOCK ATTITUDE

"We expected it and the German leaders had made allowance for it in their plans."

This appears to be the line taken by all the Nazi papers towards the passing of the Lease and Lend Bill.

THEY ASSURE THEIR READERS THAT THE MEASURE CANNOT AVERT BRITAIN'S FINAL DEFEAT.

A semi-official statement in Berlin declares it has not come as a surprise to the tripartite powers.

It adds that final approval of the Bill has merely legalised existing practice. The Wilhelmstrasse declares the Act can only prolong the war, not shorten it. — Reuter.

RELEASE OF MANY DETAINEES

Altogether 129 persons who had been detained under the Defence Regulations were released during January.

This is revealed in figures published in a Home Office report to Parliament dealing with particulars of the detention and release of persons detained under Regulation 18B.

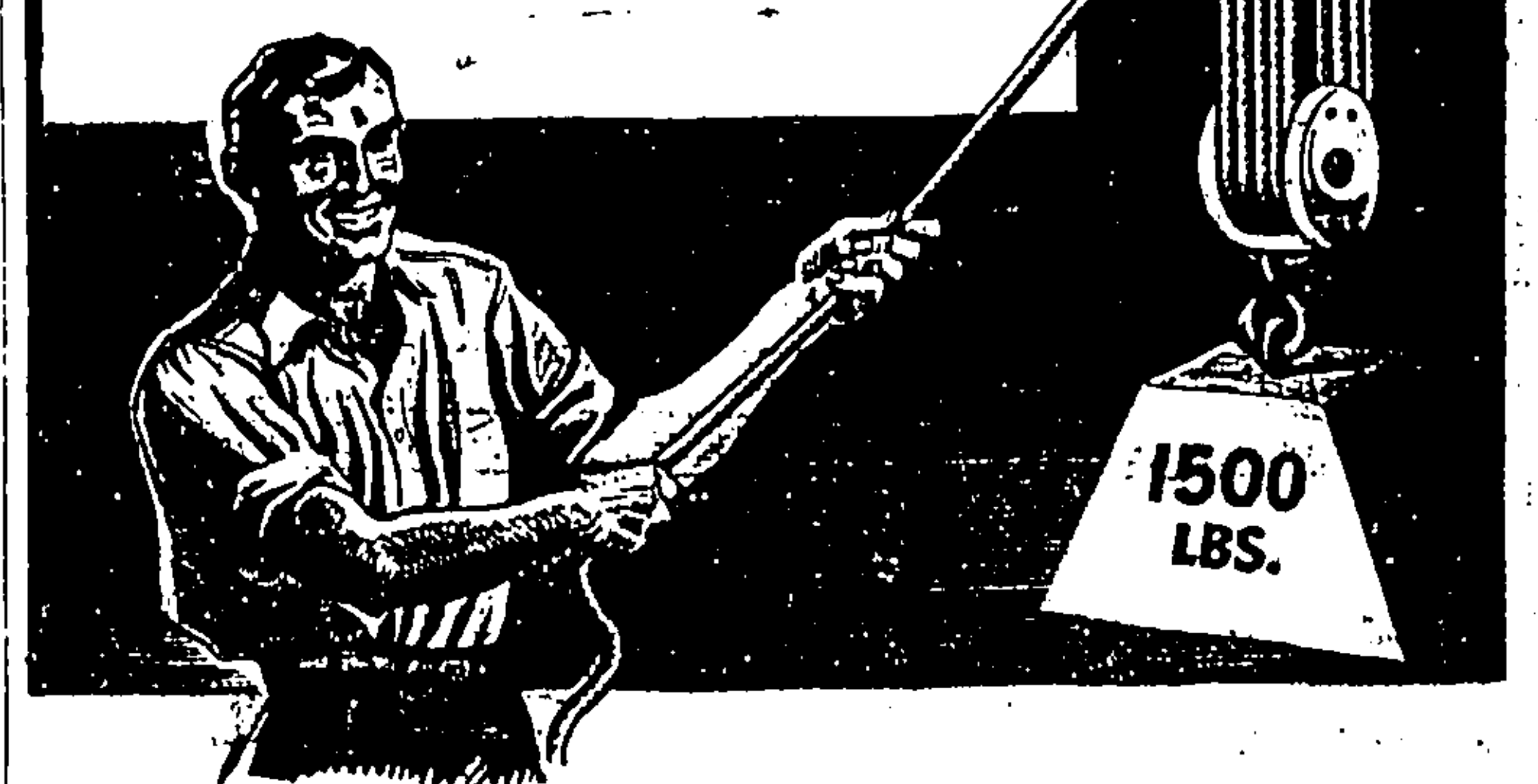
On January 31 there were 377 persons in detention. During that month 18 persons were

detained, all of whom were British subjects, although eight were of enemy origin.

During the whole period of operation of the Regulation up to January 31 the Home Secretary had given 1,026 decisions in cases reviewed by advisory committees to which detained persons may appeal against detention.

Of these decisions 950 accorded with the recommendation of the committee. — British Wireless.

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EXPANSION OF N.Z. FORCES

The rapid expansion of the New Zealand forces to resist every possible attack, was stressed by Sir Cyril Newall, the new Governor-General, at the opening of the Dominion Parliament in Wellington yesterday.

Every possible step, he said, was being taken to meet any emergency and with the increasing demand for manpower, the Government may have to arrange a still further diversion of labour from non-essential to essential industries.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Peter Fraser, said that the safe conveying of Australian and New Zealand troops from England to the Middle East has strengthened their faith in the efficiency and sea power of the British Navy. — Reuter.

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COMES THAT UNOCCUPIED FRANCE IS
ACTUALLY PRODUCING WAR MATERIALS
FOR GERMANY.**

A number of firms there are engaged on orders
for the German High Command, making aeroplane
parts, sections of tanks, aluminium fittings, munitions
and motor-boats, it was stated yesterday at the
British Ministry of Economic Warfare in London.

It is possible even that
some of the barges Hitler
hopes to use for invading
England are being made
by Frenchmen.

It is also known that German
and Italian commissions in Mar-
seilles and other parts of unoccu-
pied France see to it that sub-
stantial quantities of cereals, oil,
copra and phosphates, shipped
from North Africa, are directly
enrained for Germany.

Free Discussion

The statement is being exam-
ined in London and, as every phase
of the war is the subject of free
discussion between Britain and the
United States, it may be assumed
that it is also under consideration
in Washington.

Britain has always been pre-
pared to let food enter unoccupied
France, where 90 per cent. of the
population are pro-British, pro-
vided there is a guarantee that
French people will consume it but
such a guarantee has not been
forthcoming so far. — Reuter.

London Accusation

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Ministry of Economic War-
fare in London yesterday charged
that instead of being used to
transport food for France's under-
nourished population, French
merchandise are actually pro-
visioning Germany and the Nazi
hierarchy and are transporting war
supplies for Germany and Italy.

Nevertheless a recent appeal
from the Balkans for food for
France is being studied in Lon-
don and Washington. — Interna-
tional News Service.

POLICE COOLIE SENTENCED

TWO MONTHS' HARD LA-
BOUR WAS IMPOSED BY MR.
H. C. MACNAMARA AT KOW-
LOON THIS MORNING ON
CHU ON, 18, FOR STEALING
\$55.50.

Det.-Sgt. H. J. Baldwin said
that accused was known to his
victim, a farmer. Accused was em-
ployed as a coolie at the Lok Ma
Chau Police Station, New Terri-
tories.

On March 5, they met in Woo-
sung Street and the farmer want-
ed to buy 150 tubes of Govern-
ment opium. Accused offered to
buy them for him and was hand-
ed \$55.50.

Accused took the farmer to a
house, and when asked to return
the money, ran away.

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cused's possession was ordered to
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Soviet View On Far East

The Pacific situation
remains tense despite the
settlement of the Thai-
Indo-China dispute, com-
ments the Soviet Army
organ "Red Star" in Mos-
cow yesterday.

"After the new frontier between
Thailand and Indo-China is trac-
ed, the influence of Japan in this
part of the Pacific will be in-
creased," the paper writes.

"Therefore, though the con-
flict between Thailand and Indo-
China is solved for the present,
the situation in the region of the
South Seas—where there is a
concentration of Japanese war-
ships with corresponding British
and American measures—re-
mains tense.—Reuter.

BOTTAI'S DEATH DENIED

AN OFFICIAL DENIAL THAT
BOTTAI, FASCIST MINISTER
OF EDUCATION, AND CIANET-
TI, UNDER-SECRETARY FOR
CORPORATIONS, WERE KILL-
ED IN RECENT FIGHTING IN
ALBANIA, WAS GIVEN IN
ROME YESTERDAY.

It appears, says the official
statement, that both Ministers are
in excellent health and that a ma-
jor named Bottai, who had no
connection with the Minister, has
been made prisoner by the Greeks.
—Reuter.

JAPANESE WARCRAFT AT SAIGON

A large newly-built
Japanese torpedo-
boat arrived in Saigon
yesterday. A number
of Japanese bombing
planes are also visi-
ble at Saigon airport.
—Reuter.

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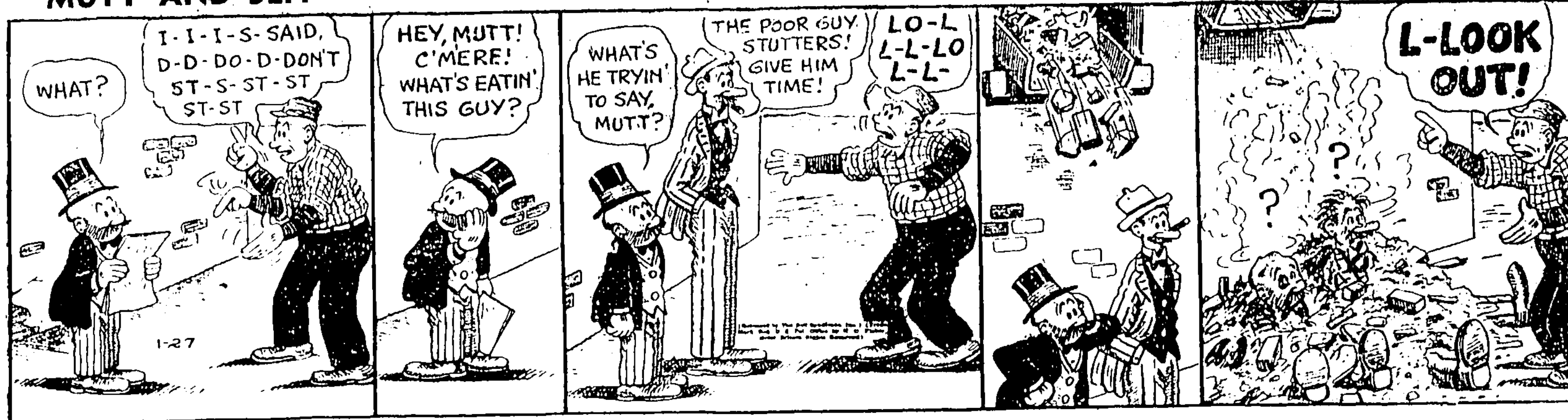
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TO-MORROW: "THUNDER AFLOAT"

By BUD FISHER



THE MIAMI "HERALD" says Nazi guns may have subdued the Dutch army but they have not conquered the Dutch spirit.

It appears, says the paper, that a secret society has been functioning, aimed at the German invaders.

IMPORTANT CONCESSIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE FOR CANDIDATES WHO HAVE SERVED OR WHO MAY SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN THE PRESENT WAR, WERE ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY BY THE PUNJAB GOVERNMENT.

It has been decided to accept the general principle that wherever possible preference will be given a man with war service to his credit, and the rule prescribing that educational qualifications for a

Poison weapons, mistreatment of German soldiers, sniping and pushing Nazis into canals and rivers, were some of the methods used to get rid of the hated oppressors.

There is much hope in what
Netherlanders have plotted and
done. It shows what Hitler
must face; it shows that
while he may occupy a country he
does not hold the people.

All little nations taken over by the Nazis will be ready to turn against the aggressors and tear them to bits when the opportunity arrives, and that chance will come . . . they will smash the German machine eventually. Reuter

particular service or posts shall be subject to proper safeguards will be relaxed so as to permit the recruitment of men who are prevented by their service in the armed forces from acquiring these qualifications. Reuter.

When one reads Fascist and, in a certain degree, Nazi press representation of the situation, one wonders how the atmosphere is in the Axis lands, says the Swedish newspaper "Gothenburg Handelstidning."

In Italy, the newspapers are up to delirium and do not give an impression of cold confidence in the certainty of victory which convinces a foreign observer.

In Germany the situation is judged more cautiously. Germans speak of the British successes in Africa as "a certain success."

Naturally one can say a commander has had that when his enemy has been as good as destroyed.

Also a certain discomfort is felt clearly, at least in Berlin, about the other African fronts.

All these, day after day, column after column, repeated assurances that "we are winning," have their effects. They come in such abundance that there must be some doubts which it is felt should be removed.—Reuter.

Mr. Alma Baker, wealthy New Zealander resident in Malaya, has given £30,000 for six fighters and has sent an appeal through Lord Beaverbrook for further Empire flights and squadrons.

"I am doing my utmost to see that should I die before victory my present private expenditure is to provide a gift of one fighter each three months," he says.—*Reuter*.

The raffle for a pair of Tonkin Silver Bracelets, given by Mrs. Stanley Mason in aid of the B.W.O.F., was drawn by Lady MacGregor at Government House yesterday.

The winning ticket was No. 87, held by Lieut. H. O. Bramble, and the proceeds amounted to \$132.

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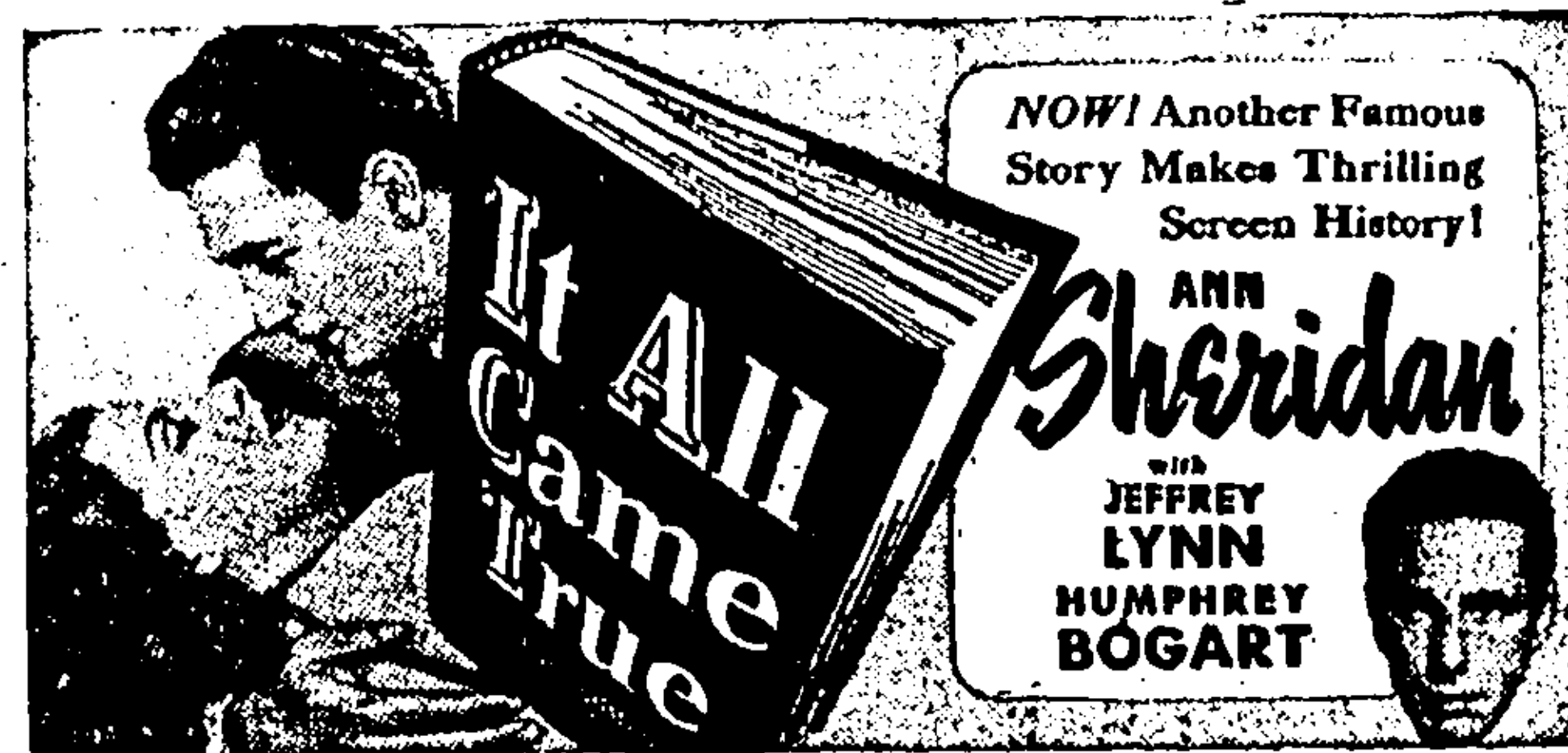
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Untrained Youths Mown Down By Greeks

ITALIAN BLACKSHIRT youth, whom
Mussolini used to glorify with his Fascist
hymn "Giovanezza," have been flung with-
out proper training into the fighting in cen-
tral Albania and mercilessly mown down.

A Greek major stated in Athens yesterday
that the sight of these youths, being led to
such butchery, revolted him.

The youths, who recently ar-
rived at the front, showed their
lack of training by the way they
ran into the cross-fire of machine-
guns, only to be decimated.

One hollow, 60 feet deep and
1,500 feet wide, was covered
with their bodies.

Fighting in the central sector
in Albania continues to be mark-
ed by suicidal Italian counter-
attacks and the capture of large
batches of war-weary prisoners.

Wiped Out

Italian Blackshirt battalions,
counter-attacking to regain vital
lost heights, found themselves
between murderous Greek fire
and their own artillery barrage.
Unable to retreat they were
wiped out.

Among the latest prisoners
captured were 20 officers, in-
cluding a Naples University
professor who confirmed that
the Minister of Education, Bot-
tai, was mortally wounded
when fighting beside him.

The battle raged for many
hours over the whole area, says
the Greek Press Ministry.

Fighting was intense and the
gruelling fire of the Greek artil-
lery at point-blank range added
to the enemy's difficulties.

Italian Losses

All positions captured by the
Greeks were firmly held, and the
Italians were driven back at the
bayonet point.

Three senior officers captured
confirmed that Italian losses in
Albania total 130,000. — Reuter.

DAIRY FARM EMPLOYEE CHARGED

A FORMER EMPLOYEE OF
THE DAIRY FARM'S BRANCH
AT EAST POINT, WAS CHARG-
ED BEFORE MR. H. G. SHEL-
DON, K.C., THIS MORNING,
WITH STEALING A LARGE
QUANTITY OF BACON AND
BEEF, BETWEEN MARCH 1
AND AUGUST 31 LAST YEAR.

It was alleged that accused,
Chow Wing-chuen, 34, was re-
sponsible for the theft of 11
bales of bacon, 15 bags of fillet
beef and 30 fine hinds of beef
from the storage room.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ is appear-
ing for the defence, and Detective
Sergeant J. Bentley for the pro-
secution.

Hearing of the case was fixed
for March 27, at 2.30 p.m. Bail
of \$1,000 was allowed.

POST OFFICE PROSECUTION

TWO SHOP MANAGERS
WERE SUMMONED BEFORE
MR. H. G. SHELTON, K.C., THIS
MORNING, FOR ATTEMPTING
TO SEND LETTERS OUT OF
THE COLONY OTHERWISE
THAN THROUGH THE POST
OFFICE, AND WERE FINED
\$500 EACH.

The accused, Mr. Lui Woon-
ming, manager of the Sun Yuen
Tai Firm, No. 215, Wing Lok Street
West, and Mr. Li Wai-lung, of the
Cheung Hing Chong Firm, No. 84,
Ko Shing Street, were represent-
ed by Mr. M. A. da Silva, who
pleaded guilty on their behalf.

Mr. D. W. Fitches, Superintendent
of Mails, stated that the let-
ters were found in No. 20, Queen's
Street. They would have been
sent out of the Colony if the pre-
mises had not been raided.

Mr. Silva told the Court that
his clients were not aware of the
seriousness of the offence.

HITLER'S EFFORT COMING

That Berlin was deter-
mined to finish the war
in the summer of 1940,
was confirmed yesterday
by a Belgian author.

HE SAID THAT SENOR
SUNER, THE SPANISH FOREIGN
MINISTER, WHEN IN FRANCE,
TOLD HIM ENGLAND HAD A
RESPIRE AT MOST FOR EIGHT
DAYS.

They were assured from
Germany that American help
was small and would never get
past the U-boats.

At the same time the President
of the United States was attacked
for prolonging the war.

How, then, can American help,
which shall never reach England,
prolong the war?—Reuter.

THE ANTI-CHOLERA CAMPAIGN

For hawking cooked food with-
out a licence, Leung Hing, 35,
widow, was fined \$4 by Mr.
D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this
morning.

Sergeant Galvin stated that at-
tempts were being made to stop
the unlicensed selling of cooked
food on account of cholera.

R.A.F. DAYLIGHT RAID ON DUTCH OIL PLANT

A DAYLIGHT RAID on occupied Holland
on Tuesday by R.A.F. bombers is announced
by the Air Ministry.

Single aircraft bombed an oil storage
plant at Rotterdam and a factory near
Utrecht. Details of the weight of the R.A.F.
attack are expected later.

Meanwhile, the German air-
force, after concentrating most
of its attack on Monday night on
the Portsmouth area, losing al-
together seven aircraft, sent a
stream of planes over the South
Coast on Tuesday night on scat-
tered targets.

One Heinkel bomber so far is
confirmed to have been shot
down off the east coast of Scot-
land.

Three members of the crew
were rescued from a rubber
dinghy after the plane sank.

Midlands Visitations

Small groups of German planes
operated over a wide area in the
west Midlands—according to
Nazi sources they attacked Bir-

WEeping CROWD GOES TO MASS BURIAL

Weeping relatives
lined the communal
graveside at Cardiff
when citizens honour-
ed the dead in the
blitz raid on the city.

Men, women and
children were given a
civic funeral, but
there were many in
the communal grave
who could not be
identified. A number
were buried privately.

A family of seven
who had been evacu-
ated to the city was
wiped out. Many sole
survivors of small
families stood by the
open grave and
dropped in posies.

ATTACKED ITS LAST CONVOY

WHILE MAKING OUT RE-
PORTS OF AN ACTION WITH
A HEINKEL, WHICH THEY
ENGAGED WHEN IT WAS EN-
DEAVOURING TO ATTACK A
CONVOY, THE CREW OF A
COASTAL COMMAND BOM-
BER LEARNED THAT THE
ENEMY MACHINE, WHICH
THEY LAST SAW MAKING OFF
INTO THE DARKNESS AFTER
THE REAR GUNNER HAD
SENT A STREAM INTO THE
FUSELAGE, HAD CRASHED AT
SEA.

Flares and distress signals were
seen and a naval vessel found
the wrecked enemy aircraft when
she went out to investigate.

A Heinkel 59 seaplane was
also destroyed off the Danish
coast by a Hudson of the Coastal
Command which closed the range
to 100 yards before forcing the
enemy down. The Heinkel land-
ed on the sea and sank quickly
while the Hudson circled over-
head looking for survivors.—Brit-
ish Wireless.

irmingham—but no serious inci-
dents occurred anywhere.

Fire watching parties dealt
shly with hundreds of incen-
daries and oil bombs scattered
over a wide area.

There was a number of casual-
ties from high explosive bombs,
mainly in one town.

A BRITISH FIGHTER DE-
STROYED AN ENEMY PLANE
ON AN AERODROME IN NOR-
THERN FRANCE ON TUESDAY
NIGHT AND ANOTHER ENEMY
PLANE WAS DESTROYED BY
R.A.F. COASTAL COMMAND
AIRCRAFT ON PATROL IN
DAYLIGHT ON TUESDAY.

No R.A.F. planes are missing
from operations on Tuesday or
Tuesday night.—Reuter.

CHINA MAIL
WINDSOR HOUSE

THE CHALLENGE

Nazi Germany must hurry. Already many American 'planes have joined the operational units of the R.A.F. and, now the Lend and Lease Bill is through, steadily such aid will increase. President Roosevelt's plan removes all financial obstacles. He recently showed in a couple of sentences that he understands the meaning of total war. "No major war ever has been won or lost," he says, "for lack of money. The more we produce, the stronger we are." Those are the precepts on which Hitler worked and triumphed. He knows what giant strength America can wield once she braces her muscles on such wise instructions.

It all comes back to the Atlantic. Hitler can only hope to win by assault on Britain before our absolute mastery is restored in that sea. And the battle of the Atlantic in turn will be fought in our factories. More 'planes to help our ships, more bombers to blast his invasion ports and strike the weapons from his hands, more tonnage from our shipyards, Britain standing erect while full American production comes to our side. This is the summons. We must rise to it as we rose to meet the same intimate peril after Dunkirk. When we have divided those figures of shipping losses by ten we shall have victory in our grasp.

MYSTERY AIR FORCE

What has happened to the Italian air force? Answer that conundrum and you may have discovered a fact of considerable importance.

The size of air forces is the most closely guarded of military secrets. No one can be certain and guesses may be far wide of the mark. Italy was estimated in 1938 to possess more than two thousand good, usable machines and from that day to the outbreak of war Italian factories were presumably busy repairing the losses inflicted in Abyssinia and Spain and profiting from experience in these two theatres. Yet Britain's mastery of the air in the Mediterranean and Middle East has been practically undisputed.

How can we explain the mystery? Part of it no

One auspicious April in the year 1889 two men were born, one in an Austrian town-ship called Braunau, the other in the East End of London. One was christened Adolf Schicklgruber, the other Charles Spencer Chaplin.

Both had genius and their names (slightly modified to suit the demands of publicity) were destined to become better known than any other of their generation.

Both tasted poverty following the death of their fathers, but one showed his talents early and brought money to his mother before the age of ten, while the other moped at his mother's side and later begged his bread through the streets of Vienna. One was making his first motion picture in Hollywood when the other was still failing to sell his faked picture postcards.

Neither forgot those early days of trial. One learnt to detest poverty. The other learnt to hate the poor.

One remembered his debt to his old comrades and liked to return to the schoolroom of his youth and perform his antics to amuse the children. The other resolved on nothing but revenge.

doubt may be due to the acknowledged superiority of the British pilot. In all individual combats since Italy entered the war he has displayed his prowess over the Italian even more surely than over his German rival. There are also some indications that part of the Italian air force is being re-equipped to enable it to face better the superior British machine. But is that all? We are so armoured now against all kinds of wishful thinking that we rightly search for any other less comfortable explanation.

SKATING ON 'THIN ICE



JAPAN: "What's the trouble. It's as safe as a Japanese guarantee can make it."

Sign Of The Double Cross

By
Michael Foot

forbade the mention of his Vienna days, returned only with the smack of vengeance on his lips, and never spent a penny in his years of triumph to reward the old comrade who had shared with him back in Vienna his last hunk of bread.

Both profited from their upbringing. One learnt to excite men's virtues. The other discovered how abjectly men could be ruled through their vices. One had learnt the meaning of love and pity and tolerance and pathos. The other had mastered hate and derision and contempt.

When the war ended one was already an international figure, while the other was still an unknown political spy paid by the German army. A dozen years later one toured almost every capital city in the world, and was mobbed by cheering, laughing multitudes. He was thrilled by so many happy faces. The other was attracting vast multitudes too. He roared and yelled at them from the platform, but in the ante-room afterwards he would boast how shrewdly he had drawn "the magnet across this dunghill."

Now, ten years later still, one has become the recognised enemy of civilised mankind. "The meanest man in all the world," as he was once properly described, has gained the power to unleash his hatred against his fellow men on a continental scale. Millions of ruined lives and billions of tears are his harvest.

The other watched all those events and must have seen them as a challenge to himself. He was the supreme individualist and Hitler had sworn eternal war against those who demanded the right to think and feel for themselves. He was the master of pathos and Hitler was hacking all pity to shreds

with jackboot and sword. He loved laughter, and Hitler had stifled laughter in countless homes across whole nations.

He has taken up the challenge. He has answered in the best way he knows. He has answered with the biggest, bonniest, stickiest, slimiest custard pie ever shied by the most expert pie-shier in the history of slapstick.

I remember hearing years ago that Charlie Chaplin was going to make a film about Hitler. I felt a faint tingle of excitement at the pit of my stomach. Millions of people in every land must have felt the same. Tens of thousands of people in the city alone, after they had heard the good news, must have baffled their fellow-travellers on the other side of the Tube with an unconscious smile, snigger, grin or guffaw apparently provoked by nothing more jovial than a London Transport station map. Our trust in Charlie was something much surer than the stormtrooper's goat-like faith in his Fuehrer. Then came the blow. Some oaf in America was apparently protesting that Hollywood should not tamper with politics. We knew it. We had these oafs of our own, pompous little asses who snooped into our own music halls and would be telling us next that a dirty crack by Max Miller was causing tension in the International Settlement at Shanghai. Little did they realise that censorship at the Holborn Empire would rob the British people of one of the best platforms where political reputations are made and broken. And now it seemed that the Monroe Doctrine and the film Moguls together were to condemn the cinema to inanity. Charlie was to be allowed to bait the foreman and bespatter his boss, but never to pull the throne away from beneath the worst and most mammoth imposture among men. Those were anxious days, but we can afford to forget them. It has come at last.

Charlie Chaplin is no politician. He is a custard-pie expert and not even a philosopher. Yet just be-

cause he sticks to his own business he says some things which need to be said which only he can say perfectly, things which some of us forgot in these years gone by, and partly because we forgot them we were landed in this mess. There will be a few of these offenders among those lords and ladies. I would like to watch them. If their hides and skulls were only thinner, I would like to be there to see them squirm. See Adenoid Hynkel, dictator of Tomanias, addressing the mob beneath the Sign of the Double Cross, shouting, choking, shrieking, spluttering until the very microphone recoils in horror before the avalanche, whipping mass enthusiasm and maniac shouts with the refrain that Jews, Liberty, Europe, Democracy, the faces of Tomanias, all these may be dismissed with one incomprehensible word devised from Hitler's example and Chaplin's genius—stunk. Were the arguments of our own little Hitlers any better? Hate all foreigners! Parliament was a talking shop! Perish Judah! Democracy was a hoax, every bit of it! Liberty stank.

Do you remember these buffoons who wanted nothing better than to march in processions, shout when they were told to, but always together, and consign to oblivion argument, debate, criticism and all those things which distinguish citizens from serfs? See Benzi Napolini, dictator of Bacteria (yes, he gets his pie square across the eyeballs), arguing and ranting with his dear, beloved Adenoid and almost starting an international crisis by claiming that his barber chair must be higher. See Adenoid himself dancing a balloon dance with a globe map and collapsing into tears when the balloon bursts in his hands.

Charlie certainly makes them look silly. But, after all, didn't someone tell us that Benzi Napolini was a fine Christian gentleman? (Or was that about somebody else?)

At least, didn't one or two of our womanish admirers of dictatorship hail Napolini as a great and constructive statesman, a man of iron who made the trains run to time (are they still running) and kept the workers in their proper place? Did not someone write a pamphlet (is it still circulating?) applauding the abracadabra which Benzi Napolini disguised under the title of Fascist corporations? And did not they tell us that Benzi and Adenoid together could go on balloon dancing with the world without a final bust?

See, finally, the little Jewish tailor who went to the war, fired his gun the wrong way, got into the wrong army, flew his air 'plane upside-down, lost his memory for twenty years and returned incredulous and unabashed to face the brutal, ridiculous Gestapo. See the little Jewish girl whom he befriended.

We can see it all now. Charlie Chaplin is not, as many people suppose, himself a Jew, but he has chosen the Jewish tailor and his girl to speak as the champions of all men who suffered beneath the Nazi Moloch and all who would defy it. Will there be any among those whose sides he tickles who will go back to their drawing-rooms and still jabber their mild but shameful anti-Semitism?

England should have vaunted her alliance with the first and still the most harshly-treated of Hitler's enemies. Instead, we were often niggardly in our sympathy. Indeed, there were even some in England who whispered Hitler's faith. They accepted his mystical nonsense of race. Perhaps after all, they said, the Jews only got their deserts.

Charlie Chaplin should shame them. He has given to the little Jew the place of honour in his greatest masterpiece.

He has done more still. He has excelled all his former services to our kind. He has taken all the doctrines of dictatorship, all the doctrines of regimentation which degrade the dignity of man and has exposed them for the shams that they are.

He has asserted the rights of the individual against the monstrous gospel which Hitler enthroned, but to which some even in this land have been ready to bend the knee. Charlie will laugh the nonsense out of them. And perhaps we shall not live in a civilised world until this film can be shown in every capital city before multitudes who sit with good consciences and laugh themselves sick.

From the "London Evening Standard," December 10, 1940.

STRONG INDO-CHINA RESENTMENT OF THAI AGREEMENT

"TO-DAY IS A DAY OF ANGER AND SADNESS," DECLARES THE SAIGON NEWSPAPER "L'OPINION" IN AN ARTICLE TYPIFYING INDO-CHINA'S REACTION TO THE PEACE AGREEMENT WITH THAILAND.

THE ARTICLE, headed "Day of Mourning," appeals to Marshal Petain to remember the Indo-Chinese plight.

It adds: "Indo-China will bow to the yoke but will live for the day when justice will be done." The article was punctuated by many blank spaces where it had been cut by the censor.

The man-in-the-street, while appreciating that the French leaders are in no position to resist Japan's "enforced arbitration," is nevertheless indignant regarding the way the agreement has been handled.

For example, Indo-China officials have not even yet been advised of the terms of the settlement, while Thailand appears to have been given much more than was ever originally contemplated.

Resentment Strong

The area ceded totals some 30,000 square miles, including an area in Cambodia which is one of the richest rice districts in Indo-China, and resentment against Japan, which is regarded as the power responsible for the double-dealing, is widespread.

It is expected that Frenchmen residing in the ceded area, of whom there are some 250, will move into unceded parts as soon as it is arranged.

It is understood that a joint commission, including Japanese, is proceeding to the border shortly to demarcate the new boundary and arrange for the withdrawal of many Indo-China troops in the coast areas.—Reuter.

Heavy Censorship

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

INDICATING HEAVY CENSORSHIP, YESTERDAY'S EVENING NEWSPAPERS IN SAIGON WERE FILLED WITH BLANK COLUMNS.

But despite this, the papers continued to condemn the Japanese in connection with the Thai-Indo-China Agreement, which was signed in Tokyo on Tuesday.

One of the leading newspapers, "Le Soir" expressed the hope that the French Colonial Army, under General Weygand, would grow in strength to "prevent disarmament in other parts of the French Empire." — International News Service.

THE UNKINDEST CUT—

Columbia Radio, New York, reports that the selling of ice-cream in Italy has been restricted to three days a week.

BOTHA 1—OUR NEW TORPEDO BOMBER

Britain has a new type of 'plane — a light twin-engined bomber, Botha 1.

It is a torpedo bomber.

To some degree it resembles the Blenheim aircraft. Its performance and armament are secret.

The Botha 1 was designed by Messrs Blackburn.

It is powered by two Perseus engines, and has a span of 59ft., is 51ft. long and 18ft. 3ins. high.

N.T. TIMBER FOR FIREWOOD

The "China Mail" learned authoritatively this morning that Government is now engaged in cutting down timber in the New Territories to relieve the present firewood situation in the Colony.

The areas being cut are above the Volunteer Camp in Fanling, and may be released very soon at price fixed by Government.

Government's second shipment of firewood, some 4,000 tons, is expected to reach Hong Kong within the next three or four days. Regular shipments from Borneo and Penang have been arranged from the beginning of next month.

SEA "SLANG"

The latest manifestation of Italian nationalism is a movement to replace by native phrases British shipping terms such as "bills of lading" and "f.o.b." which are used internationally.

The "Popolo d'Italia" says: "The patriotism of Italian seamen is proverbial. They deserve, therefore, to be freed from a slang which continually reminds them of a people from which they receive the worst of affronts and the most bitter humiliations."

ARCHITECT'S IDEA OF REBUILT LONDON

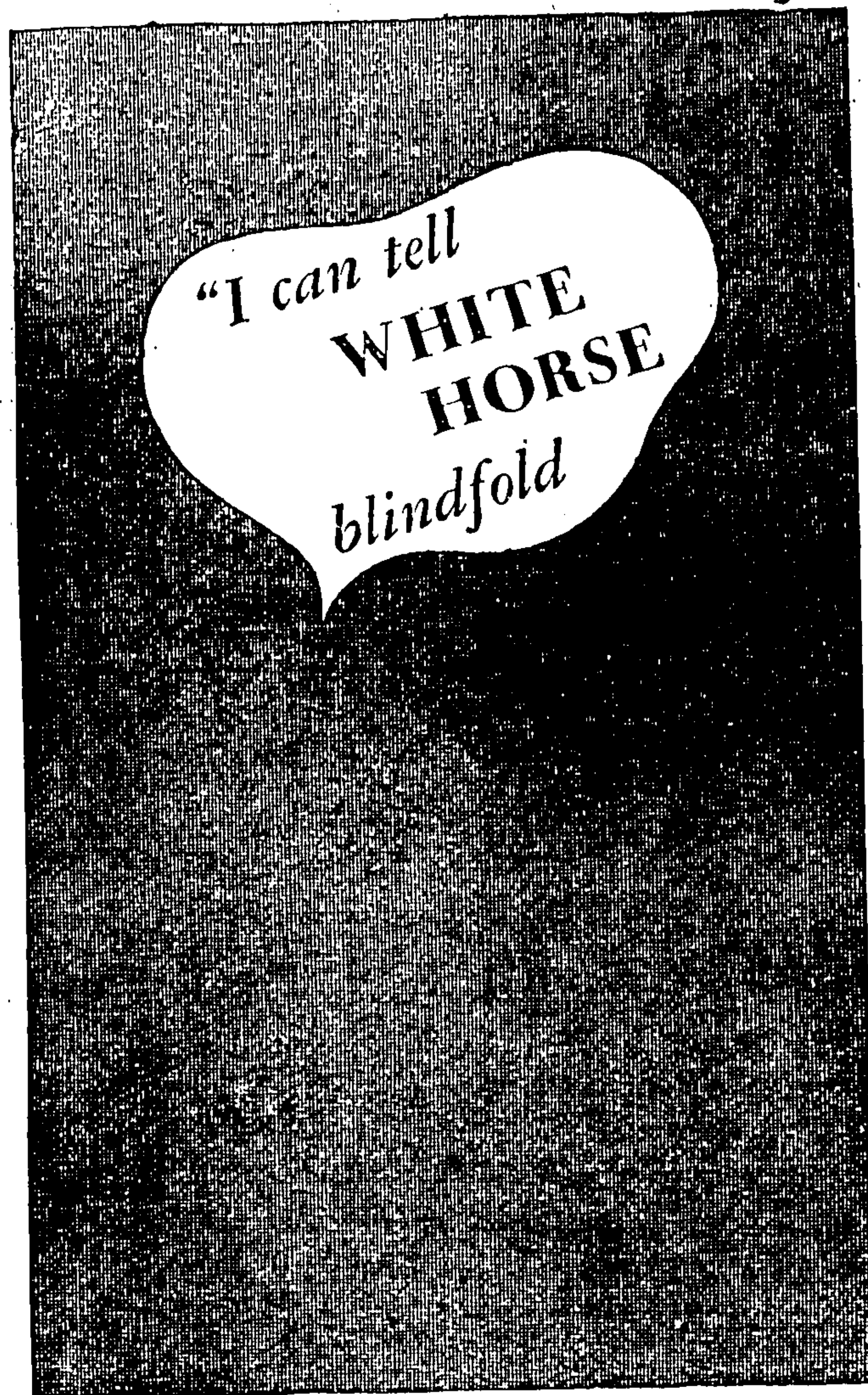
Cheapside as a gay boulevard with wide colonnaded pavements, where citizens could watch their Lord Mayor in appropriate state and surroundings pass from Mansion House to Guildhall, was one picture of a vastly improved post-war London drawn by Mr. W. H. Ansell, President of the Royal Institute of British Architects, yesterday.

There should be a fine open plaza leading from Cheapside to Guildhall, in place of the present narrow way, and round St. Paul's a clearance free from its jostling neighbours to provide a close worthy of Wren's masterpiece.

"Terraced gardens will drop from the Cathedral down to the river, linking up with an

extended embankment, so that a view of London's earliest glory—her river—will be obtainable from the transeptal steps of St. Paul's."

Mr. Ansell dissociated himself from those who would make a "new" London. "I want a vastly improved London—not improved out of recognition."—British Wireless.



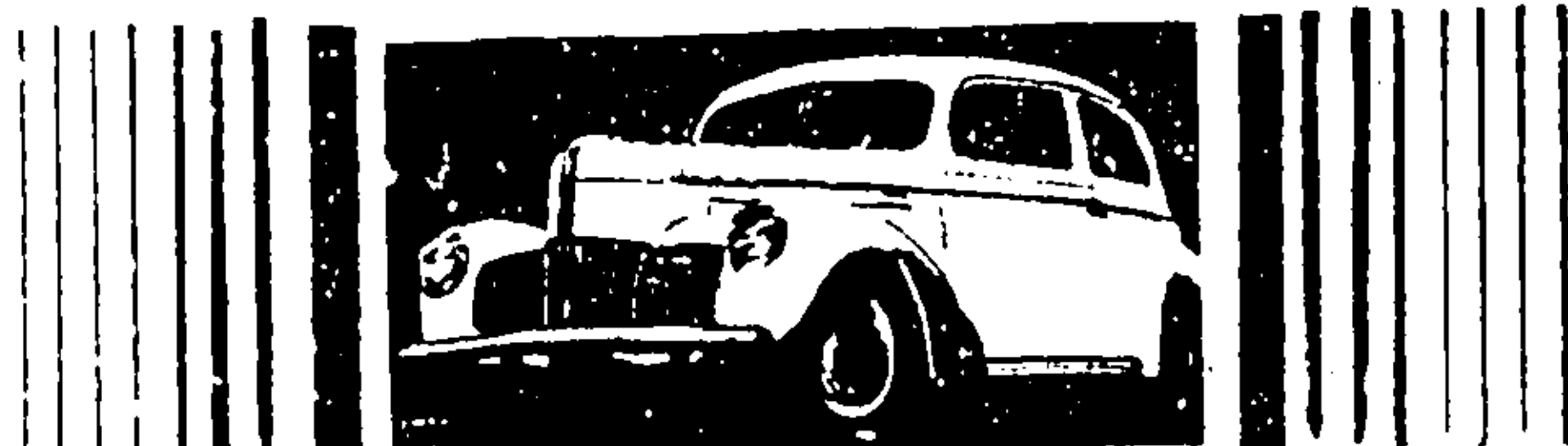
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GLADSTONE, THE GREAT LIBERAL STATESMAN, HAS DECLARED THAT BRITAIN WILL ACHIEVE "VICTORY SOONER THAN YOU BELIEVE."

Claims that this message was received through a Bath spiritualist medium have been made by Sir John Anderson, of Rivers Street, Bath.

Sir John, who is no relation to the present Lord Privy Seal, said that the message came during a meeting of a spiritualist circle in his home.

The text of the message was: "Good evening, my friends. Once more I return to your earth. I am William Ewart Gladstone. I have just this last day been with your Premier in the House of Commons."

"My friends, you are going to victory sooner than you believe. Good night."

REWARD FOR FOKI

For snatching an ear-ring from a woman who was waiting on the first floor landing of a house in Reclamation Street yesterday, Chan Fuk, 20, was sentenced to one month's hard labour, 15 strokes, and two years' police supervision by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon this morning.

After the snatching, accused was chased and arrested by Chan Ngai, 35, shop foki, who was commended by the Magistrate.

Sergeant H. Danbrowsky informed the Magistrate that the shop foki would be entitled to \$10 reward from the police for arresting the snatcher.



LIBYA POUNDING AS SEEN FROM A BATTLESHIP

(The Navy's part in the opening of the attack on Bardia is described by a Special Correspondent who was in one of the British battleships which shelled the Italians).

FIRE FROM SEA, LAND AND AIR RAINED AROUND BARDIA ON FRIDAY MORNING IN THE OPENING PHASES OF THE GREAT NEW LIBYAN THRUST.

From the flagship leading the other battleships, as well as cruisers and destroyers, I watched the onslaught from before dawn until a false dusk of battle smoke and sand shrouded the beleaguered Fascist legions from our sight.

We knew that this imposing array of British sea power was destined to play its part by bombarding the area marked by the triangle of the coast, the Italian lines, and the road from Bardia, which strikes inland towards Tobruk.

In the right hand corner of the area was our particular objective Wadi Rahab, a deeply scored gully, where a great deal of Italian motor transport was concentrated.

Hardly a ripple ruffled the sea. Suddenly, ahead, whole clusters of golden stars sparkled and disappeared over the now discernible land. We looked at our watches. It was 5.30, zero hour for the Australians. These winking shells told us they were keeping their rendezvous with Mussolini.

Navy's Turn

When our turn came a screen of destroyers swung northwards. We followed them, but as we did so our 15-in guns were kept trained landwards, ready for their first broadside to port.

At first we thought that they were going to leave us alone, but then came a little yellow spurt of light with a puff of smoke and the bursting shell threw up a smoky spout of water half a mile from us. Our six-inchers barked back, and immediately all the destroyers brought their guns to bear. Columns of water sprang up from the base of the cliff.

With their next ranging the light guns hit the cliff face itself, so that it began to smoulder like a volcano. Their third effort landed fair and square on the headland, and clouds began to gather from the bursting shells. The shore battery went temporarily out of action.

Meanwhile, our consorts with their 15-in. guns were echoing our own hoarse war cry. The seconds seemed to tick away slowly as the high-pitched rattling noise of the shells in the air faded away towards land.

Then, suddenly, the Wadi seemed to alter shape. Huge black and grey growths, now pointed like daggers, now clustered in curves like the heart of a giant cauliflower, shot up from the valley. The whole coastline echoed with the chorus of this new fury as shell after shell screamed home.

'Plane Signals Hits

Firing was fast as our plane spotter had reported "OK." In the end he signalled nine successive salvos as having found the target of tanks and the other conglomeration of transport vehicles.

The other battleships were engaging other targets, and though we were all firing well north of the town of Bardia itself, the whole coast soon became obliterated by the grim dust from our terrific fire.

Five times each of those 15-in guns spoke on that northward run, while the six-inch armament was also barking away at two coastal batteries. In a matter of minutes the Battle Fleet had flung practically 150 tons of death into the beleaguered Italian camp.

Then came the good news from our spotter that he could see tanks and lorries burning in Wadi. The wrecking effect of these huge missiles is much greater than that of an equivalent

airbomb because of the spread of heavy splinter.

Attack Renewed

We prepared to deliver our broadsides from starboard as we began a run parallel with the coast again but, this time heading south into the Gulf of Sollum. The elect in the land which was the Wadi was again visible. Here were the armoured vehicles which might be expected to counter-attack if left unmolested. Though we knew we had got home on them already, we pounded them again.

We had the range of their main armament which was camouflaged among lorries and other vehicles, and, as our commander expressed it subsequently in a broadcast to the ship's company, each of those groups of tanks got "a decent allowance of 15-in. bricks."

GIVING ENEMIES NIGHTMARE

How Hitler is trying to create a nightmare state of mind among his enemies is described by Wallace Deuel, Berlin correspondent of the Chicago "Daily News," who has just returned to the United States.

Deuel writes "The strategy of terror used by Hitler in the second world war is as incredible and unreal as a nightmare. Almost nothing, it would seem, is too fantastic or bizarre to happen."

Possibly the most shocking and stupefying thing of all things that are happening, he states, is that indecent pictures are being used by the Germans as weapons for the conduct of hostilities.

"They are using them," he adds, "as part of the most gigantic, most systematic, and most skilful attempt the world has ever seen to shatter the nervous systems and wills to resist of whole armies and whole peoples."

These pictures, of postcard size, are beautifully drawn and printed in four colours. At first sight they look innocent enough, but when held to the light British soldiers and French women are shown in a degrading scene. The Nazis printed hundreds of thousands of these cards and produced a special type of trench mortar which shot the cards over the French lines.

Typical Methods

The use of these pictures was typical of the tactics the Nazis were using to demoralise their enemies by psychological means. These tactics extended to almost every field of human life and thought and emotion. All were thought out years in advance and based on a diabolical knowledge of the weaknesses of human nerves and human character. They were all employed for the purpose of destroying the enemy's will to fight before the first shot was ever fired.

"The Germans have set out to create a nightmare state of mind among their enemies, to cause nothing less than a collective nervous breakdown on an international scale, and to bring about a paralysis of will on the part of all Western European civilisation."

JOCKEY CLUB'S GIFTS

The Stewards of The Hong Kong Jockey Club have allocated further amounts to War Funds and War Charities as follows:—

South China Morning Post Bomber Fund	\$83,802.03
British Fund for Relief of Distress in China	83,802.03
British War Organisation Fund	30,000.00
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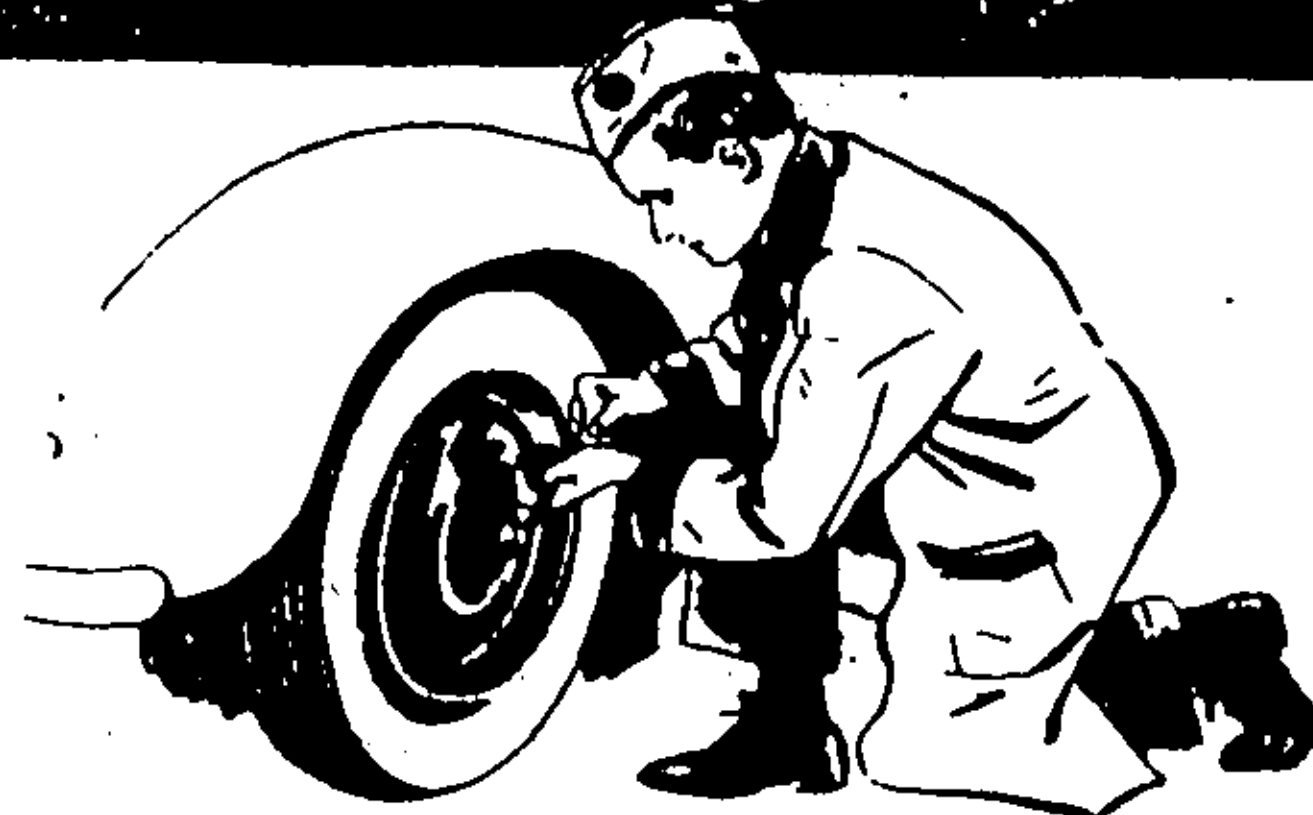
\$218,604.06

The first two items represent the nett proceeds of the Special Sweep on the Rooty Hill Derby.

These contributions will bring the total distributed by the Jockey Club to War Funds and War Charities to \$527,000 or approximately £32,800.

The Stewards also announce that the Nett Proceeds of the next big Sweep, "The Lantau Handicap," to be run on 2nd June, 1941, will be devoted to British War Funds and the British Fund for Relief of Distress in China.

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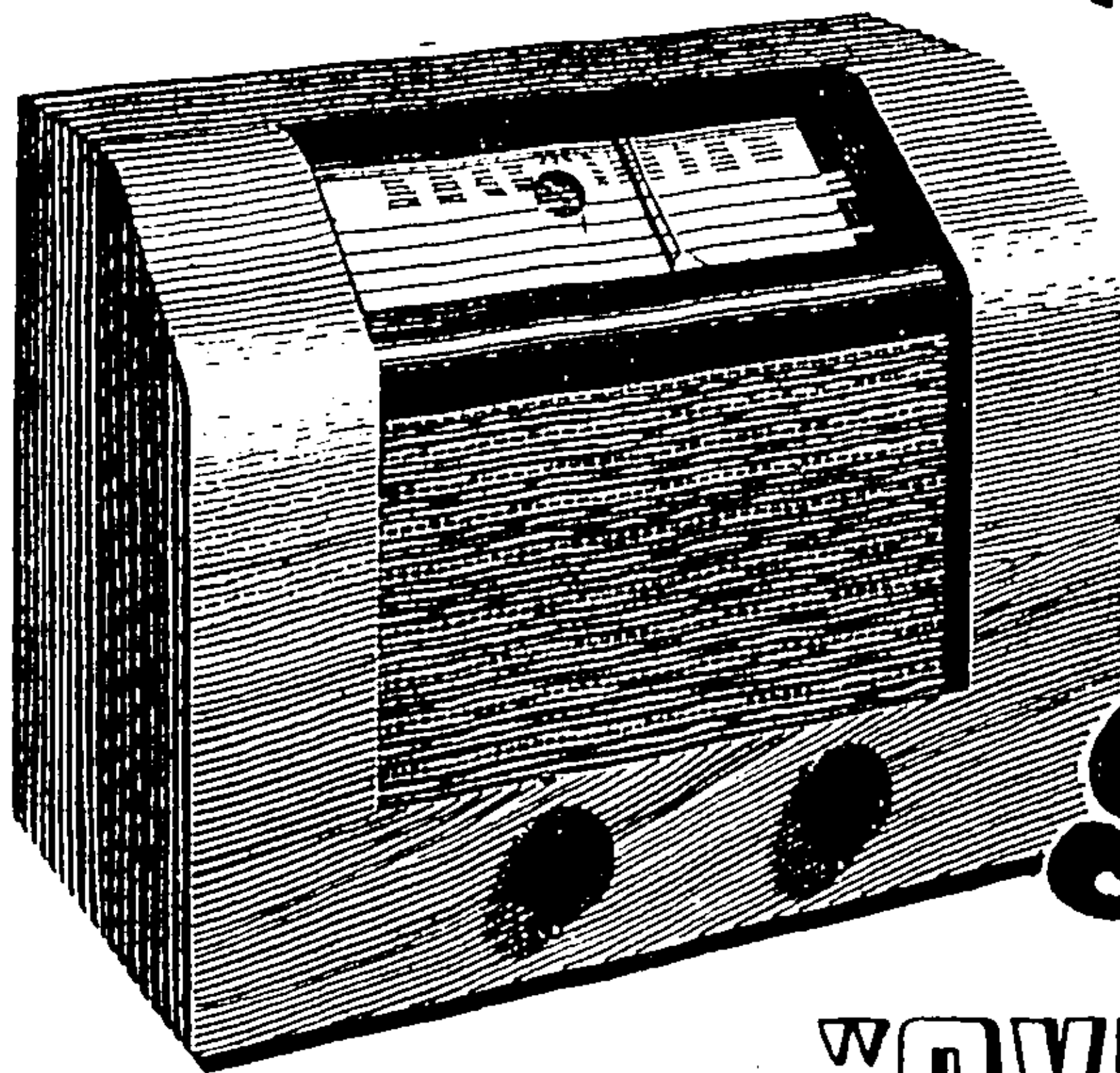


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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE MACAO JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE

The next Race Meeting, originally scheduled for Sunday, the 23rd of March, has been postponed to SUNDAY, April the 6th, 1941.

By Order of the Stewards,
T. A. MARTIN & CO.,
Secretaries.

Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

CHINA LIGHT & POWER CO., LTD.

Notice To Consumers

Notice is hereby given that the Company's standard charges will be increased as from 17th March, 1941, by adding a 10 per cent. surcharge to the amounts charged for electricity consumed for lighting and power as per meters read on and after 24th April, 1941.

The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

D. W. MUNTUN,
Manager.
Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the Fifty-second Ordinary Yearly Meeting will be held at the Company's Registered Office, 4th Floor, P. & O. Building on THURSDAY, 20th March, 1941 at 11 a.m. for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1940 and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941 both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on THURSDAY, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:

1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hong Kong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Forty Fourth Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders will be held in the Jacobean Room of the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 15th March, 1941, at NOON for the following purposes, namely, to consider the annual statement of accounts and the balance sheet and the reports of the Directors and Auditors thereon, to elect directors and auditors in the place of those retiring, to declare a dividend, to appropriate the balance of Profit and Loss Account as recommended by the Directors, and to transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE is also given that the Share Transfer Registers will be closed from 1st March, 1941, to 15th March, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board,

R. A. WICKERSON,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 14th Feb., 1941.

THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

Notice To Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1940.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary & Manager.
Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., will be held in the Board Room of the Company, 2nd Floor, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on FRIDAY, the 28th day of March 1941, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting convened for noon on that day shall have terminated, when the subjoined resolution will be proposed as a special resolution:—

That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the manner following:—

(a) By the deletion of the existing Article 95 and the substitution in lieu thereof of the following Article:—

Number of Directors. "95. The Directors of the Company shall not be less than "six and not more than ten in number."

(b) In Article 101 the word "six" shall be substituted for the word "four" where such word occurs in the third and fifth line respectively of such Article.

By Order of the Board,

J. P. SHERRY,
Managing Director.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1941.

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941) commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tifins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, the 14th March, 1941 commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A QUANTITY OF VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE

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1 Pair Hockey Goal Nets

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LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, the 17th, March, 1941 commencing at 10.30 a.m. at their Sales Room, No. 35, Hankow Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Miscellaneous Goods, Household Furniture and Shop Fittings.

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

TUESDAY, the 18th, March, 1941 commencing at 5.15 p.m. at their Sales Room, No. 2, Connaught Road, Central (2nd Floor)

A COLLECTION OF VALUABLE POSTAGE STAMPS

Terms: Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.
Hong Kong, 12th March, 1941.

BRIDGE NOTES

CRIME DOESN'T PAY! NO. 34

By The Four Aces

"South admits he took a chance in bidding six spades," writes a reader, "but thinks he was rather unlucky in not making it. I think he committed a crime — and perhaps you can use it in your series."

South, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

♠ Q 8
♥ K Q J
♦ Q J 10 8
♣ K Q J 8
♠ 6 5 4 3 2
♥ A 7 6 5 3
♦ A K 7 6
♣ 7 6 2
♠ 5 2
♥ 10 9 8 4
♦ 2
♣ 5 4 3
♠ A K J 10 9 7 4 3
♥ —
♦ 9 2
♣ A 10 9

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2NT	Pass
6♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

"West opened the King of diamonds, and South dropped the nine without batting an eyelash. Now the choice was between the two red Aces, and West unhesitatingly continued with Ace of diamonds. It was all over then, of course, and South pointed out that with any shift at all, he'd have made the Small Slam. Leaving the bidding aside, do you think South was unlucky or a criminal?"

There you are, crime sleuths. Decide for yourself before reading on.

South was a criminal and his crime almost certainly cost him the Slam contract. When West led the King of diamonds, it was absolutely criminal for South to play the nine. West was bound to notice that the deuce of diamonds hadn't been played. If East held the deuce of diamonds, he wanted a diamond continuation; if South had the deuce, a diamond continuation would surely defeat the slam. So South was simply asking to be set when he false-carded in diamonds.

Note that if South plays the deuce of diamonds (we assume East played the three, since he had no reason to do anything else.) West really has a guess. And we think most players would continue with the Ace of hearts rather than the Ace of diamonds. It's wise to note that not all false-cards are deceptive.

Yesterday you were Oswald Jacoby's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you held:

♠ K J 10 9 6 3
♥ Q 5 4 2
♦ 8 3
♣ J

The bidding:

Dealer	You	Schenker	Jacoby
3♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	(?)		

ANSWER: Bid four spades. Considering that you passed over the shut-out bid of three diamonds, you have a very fine hand and a very strong suit. This show of strength will take your partner off the spot if he has a borderline double, and may lead to a good Slam contract. If he has a very strong double.

Score 100% for four spades, 50% for three spades.

Question No. 663

To-day you are Howard Schenker's partner and, with both sides vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K J 10 9 8
♥ Q 10 4 2
♦ 8
♣ J 4

The bidding:

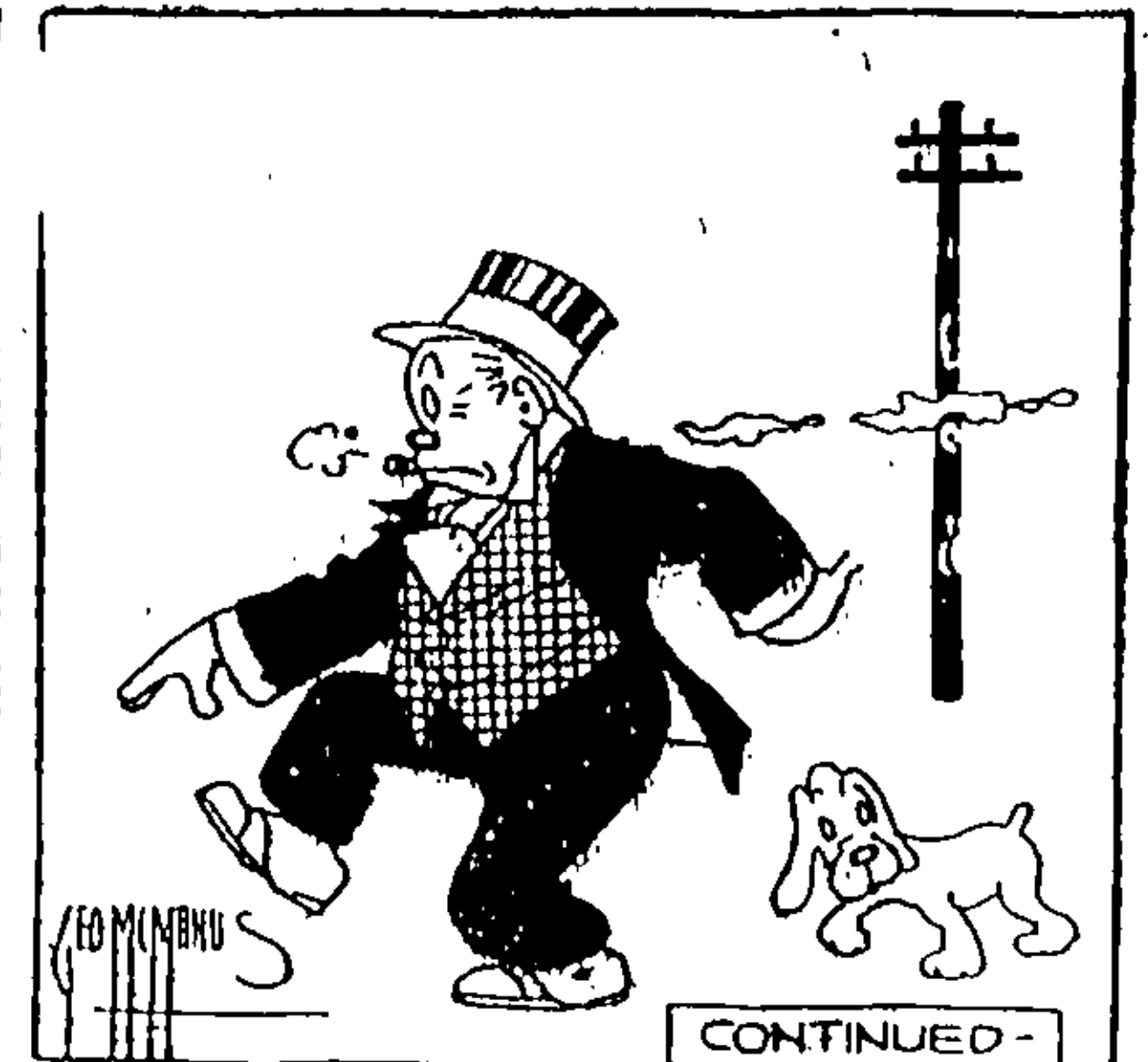
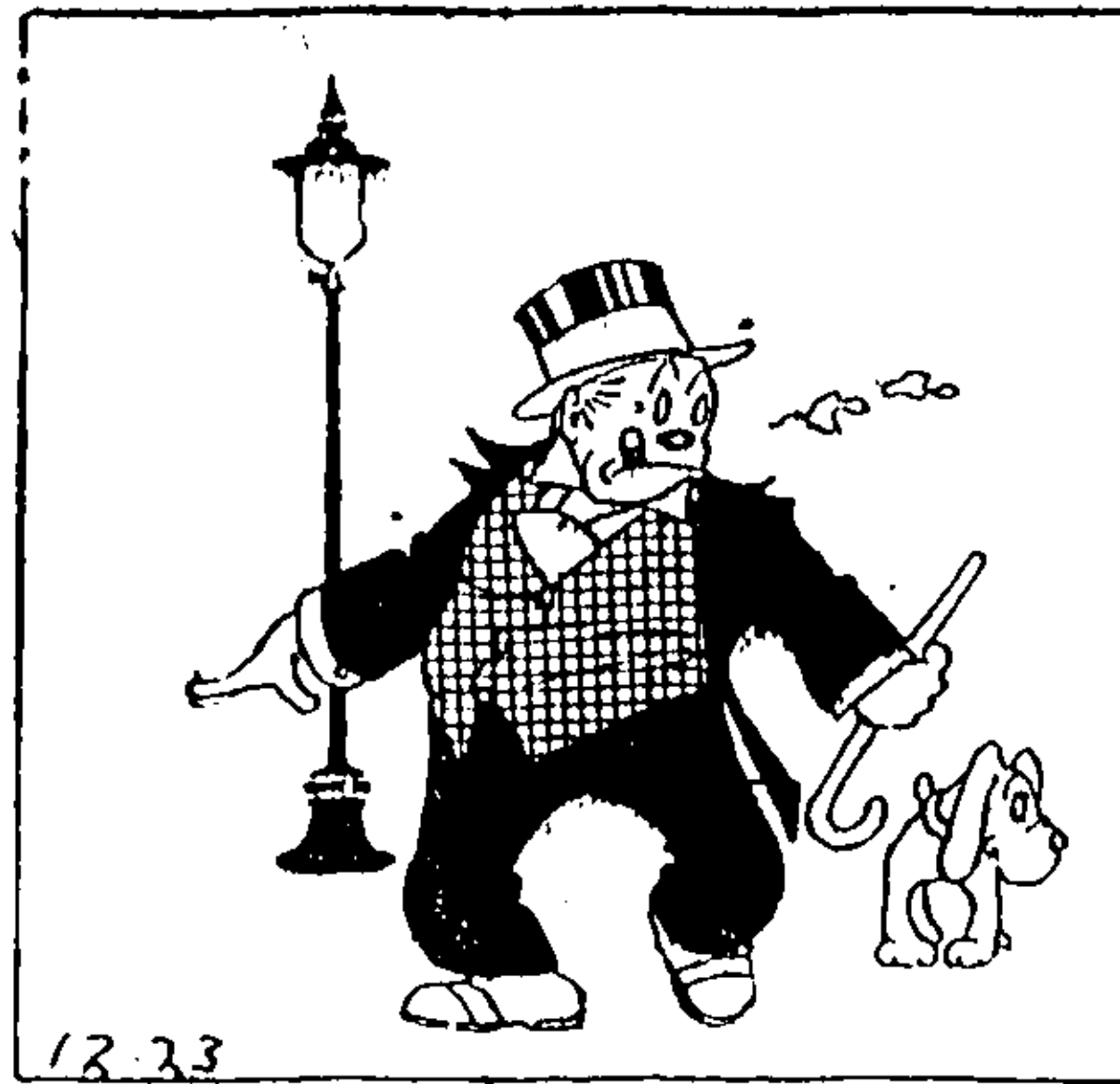
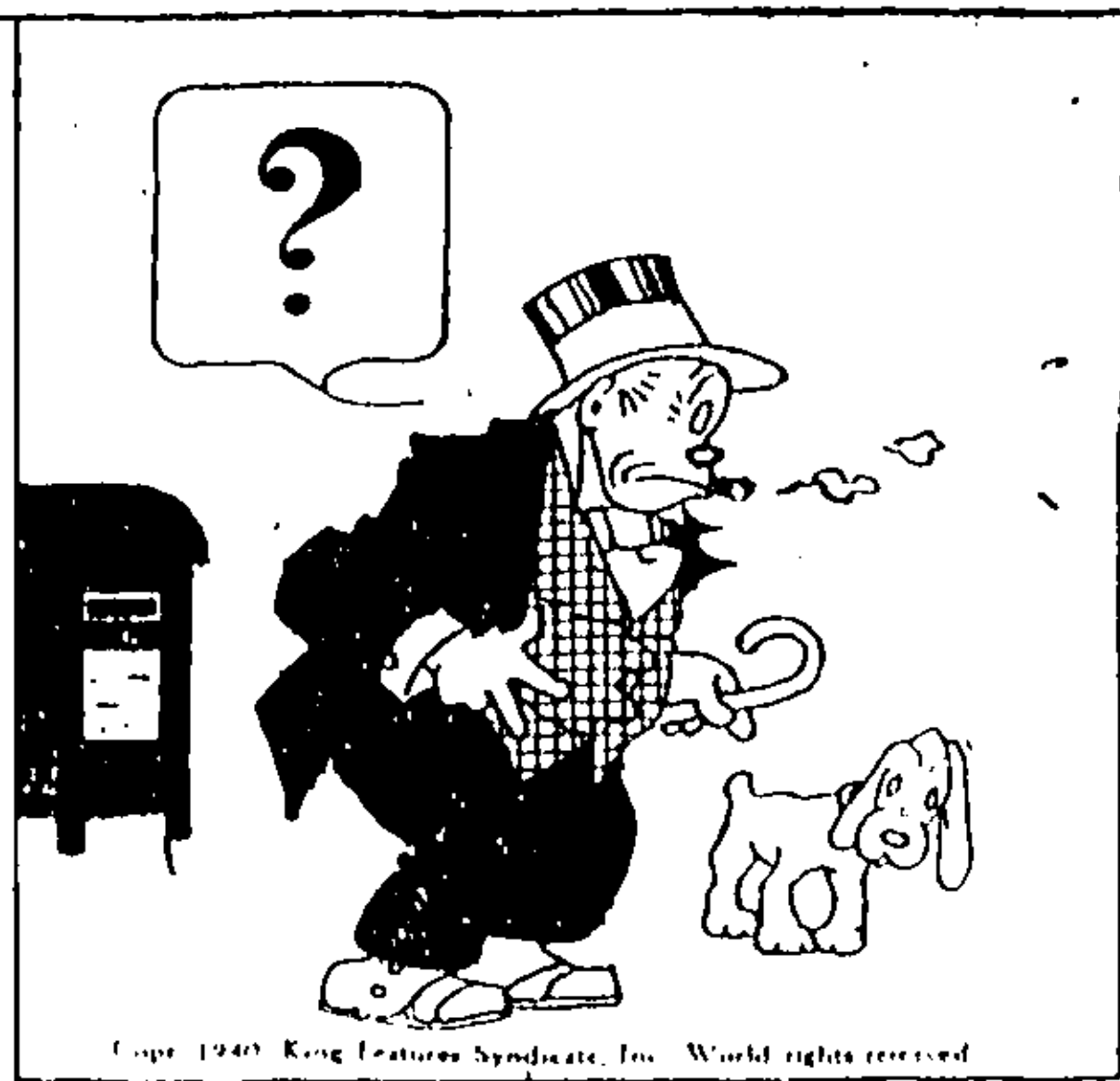
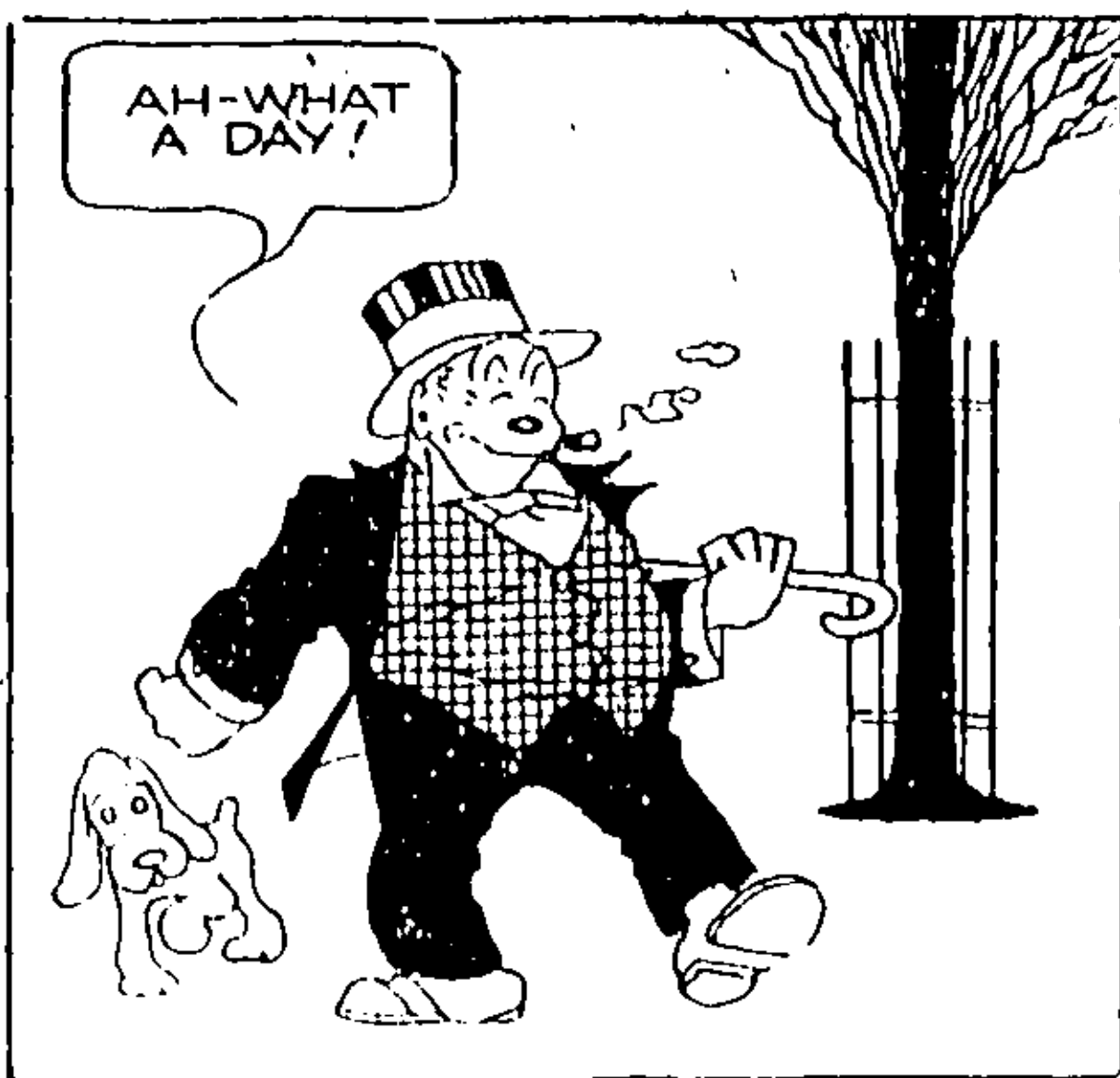
Dealer	You	Jacoby	Schenker
3♦	(?)		
Pass			

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN Britain's Strength Is In Its Womenfolk

The value of democracy can be measured in many ways. By the living standard of the ordinary people; by its educational facilities; and, last but not least, by the extent to which women take part in the life of the community.

It is no mere accident that in those countries where women have a voice in public affairs, the people are well housed, have good schools, enjoy a high general standard of health, and have reduced infant mortality.

In all these countries the special abilities which are the undeniable heritage of women are fully used. How democracy enables women to develop their gifts and to shoulder their share in communal responsibility is best illustrated by the accomplishments of Englishwomen during the present war.

Of the many women M.P.s in the House of Commons, I have recently visited Miss Irene Ward at the Palace of Westminster.

Miss Ward, stately and fair-haired, is Chairman of the "War-an-Power Committee," an advisory body which cooperates with the Minister of Labour on matters pertaining to the employment of women during the war. This is the gist of what Miss Ward told me: "The war demands the highest degree of efficiency from everybody and we want to give women the best opportunities of using their abilities. We consider munition-making as only one of many war jobs for women. Every woman ought to find the calling for which her gifts and her training qualify her."

Miss Ward paused to take a paper from a messenger.

"Our committee is not, of course, an employment agency. We ascertain in general where women workers are needed and suggest new openings of employment. The war is creating all sorts of new conditions of life, and women are entitled to a share in their shaping. To do this they must be active in many different spheres of work."

What a triumph of concerted effort if this committee succeeds in its task of placing at the disposal of the community everything that is best in feminine talent and industry!

This co-ordination will be of even greater value when peace finally comes.

Miss Megan Lloyd George Organises Household Salvage

Another women's committee has been established to advise the Minister of Food. It consists of women M.P.s under the chairmanship of Miss Megan Lloyd George. This is what she says:

"The chief task of this committee is to teach people the gentle art of thrift during the war. Particularly the elimination of waste in the use of those commodities which are brought from overseas countries at the risk of men's lives. It is estimated that \$30,000,000 a year in the imported value of goods could be saved in the United Kingdom if every housewife used foodstuffs in the right way and did not waste edible refuse."

Mrs. Lloyd George, a slightly built woman not much over five feet in height stands at the head of an army of salvage experts who have just completed a canvass of 9,000,000 householders. "The public is getting more and more salvage minded," as they express it modestly.

As a matter of fact these salvage experts are making millions of women public-service-minded. Now every housewife has been made fully aware of the fact that nearly one half of the foodstuffs she uses are imported from the British Empire, she begins to

By—
Alma S. Wittlin

realise that the strength of the British Commonwealth of Nations is based upon a system of give and take, and becomes herself a fully conscious member of that Commonwealth.

Organising An Army of Housewives

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., is one of the few people to whom is given considerable responsibility for the health and security of people in wartime.

This whirlwind of a woman, striking little figure with a crest of red hair, is responsible to a great extent for the provision of shelters for the civilian population. No more fortunate choice than that of a woman for this post could have been made, for she is familiar with the many little problems of everyday life of ordinary people.

If men and women spending their nights in shelters are to remain healthy, questions of sleeping accommodation, ventilation and hygiene, of providing refreshments, care of sick, etc., are not less important than the constructional technicalities of the shelters.



Love in a cottage is all very grand until the newweds learn it needs money as a prop.

So much for Members of Parliament. It would make the story too long if all the women M.P.s were to be written about.

Outside Parliament, there are many women who are doing amazing jobs of war work. Mrs. Ethel M. Newman may be mentioned, the woman member of a committee of nine appointed by the Government to check food profiteering.

Mrs. Newman is no economist; she is a practical housewife who became organiser on a large scale. Miss Caroline Haslett is another outstanding personality. She is the official adviser on the training of women for technical work in factories. She laughs at the idea that women have no gift for technical jobs.

She herself started at ten shillings a week as a clerk and is now the President of the Society of Electrical Women Engineers of which she is the founder.

It has been her achievement to train scores of girls in electrical engineering and to make English housewives "electricity-minded" and keen to use electrical devices in the household. Thus Miss Haslett, who never seems to be in a hurry, has added speed to every day life in her country.

To women abroad Miss Haslett is well-known as a leading personality of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women. She is now the president of the British branch of this important association.

Health in The Shelters

It is a great experience to meet Lady Reading. Her full title is Dowager Marchioness of Reading as she is the widow of Lord Reading, a former Viceroy of India.

Despite her exalted title she likes to remember the time when she made her living as a wage-earning secretary. Grey-haired but overflowing with vitality she is the founder of the latest feminine association in England, the Women's Voluntary Services, known as "W.V.S."

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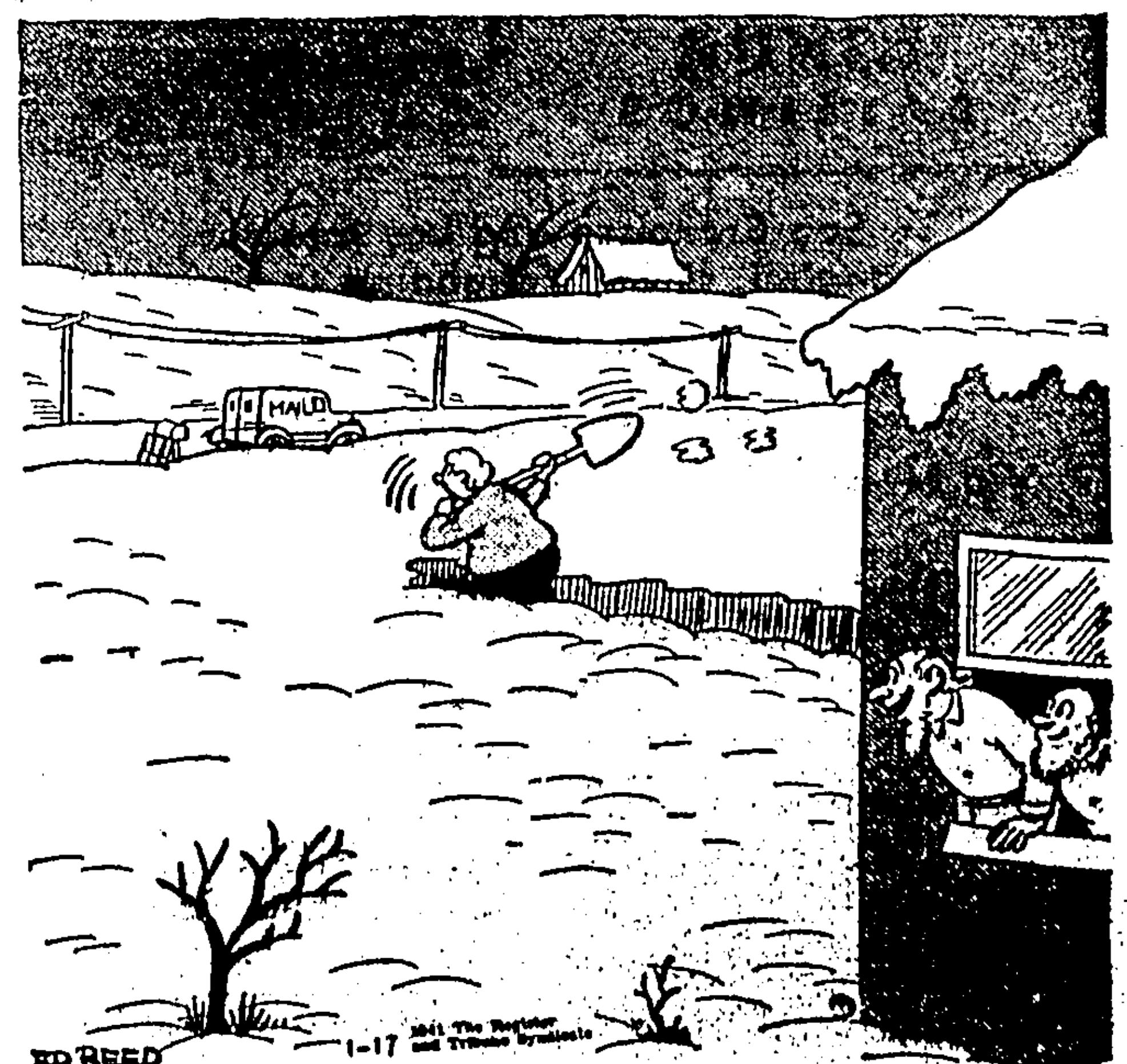
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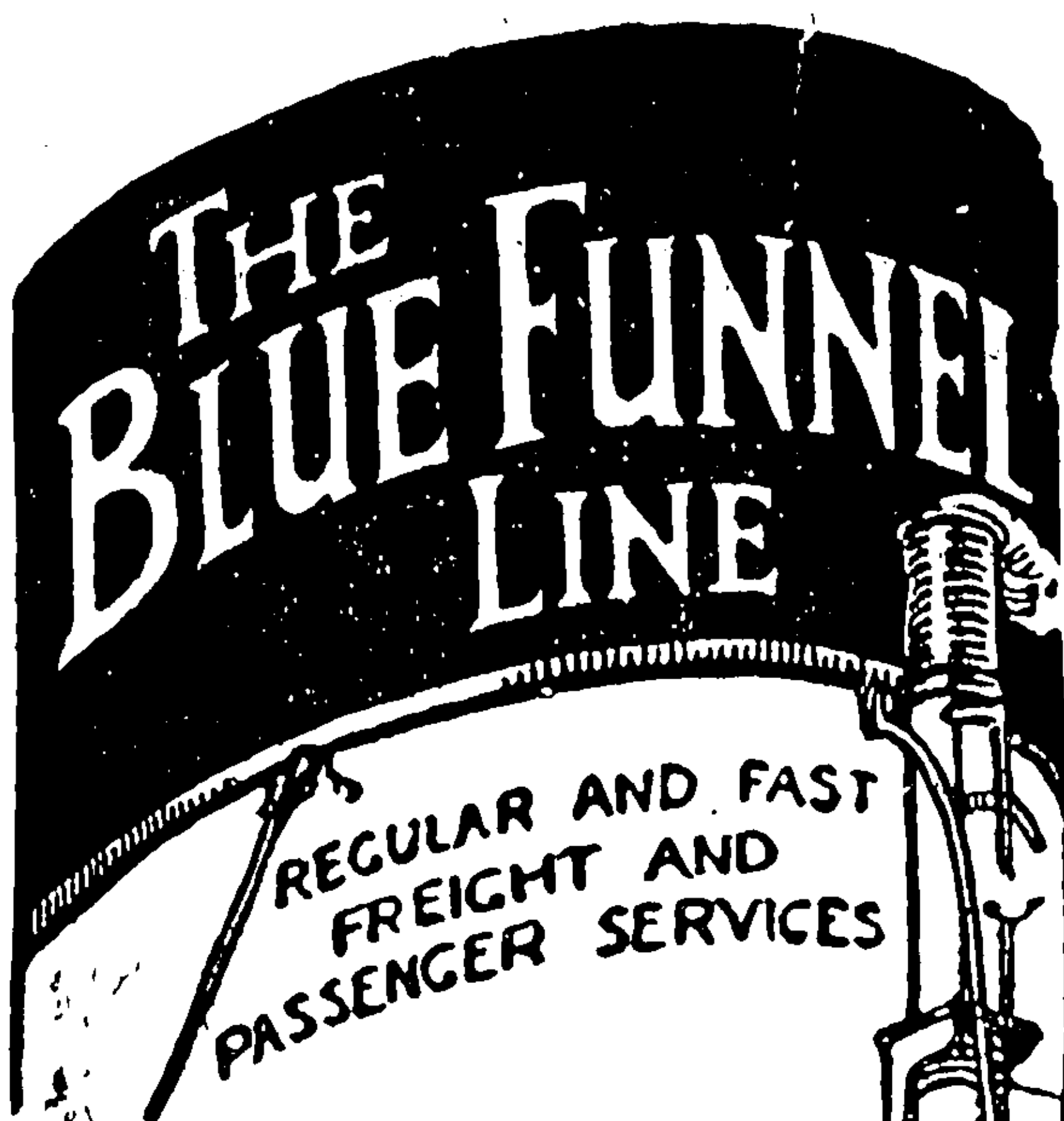


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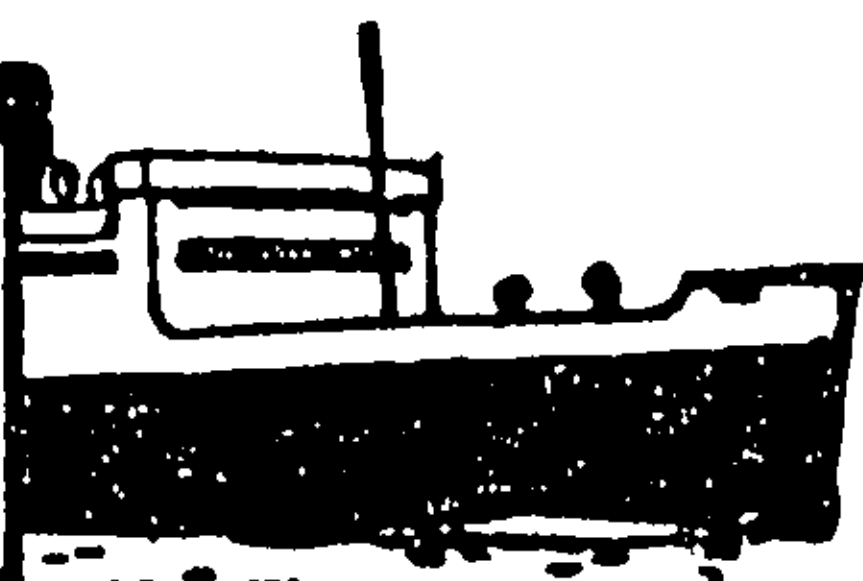
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MONDAY, MARCH 17

Sandakan

9.30 a.m.

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RADIO

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 p.m.—Two Supper Overtures.

Morning, Noon and Night—Overture

Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra; Overture "Light Cavalry".... The B.B.C. Symphony Orchestra cond by Sir Adrian Boult.

12.47 p.m.—Songs by Keith Falkner (Baritone).

The Street Sounds to the Soldiers' Tread (Somervell); Is My Team Ploughing (Vaughan Williams); Birds in the High Hall Garden; O Let the Solid Ground (from Song Cycle "Maud"—Tennyson-Somervell).

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal.

1.01 p.m.—Max Miller in the Theatre. Recorded in The Finsbury Park Empire.

1.23 p.m.—Organ Solo by Quentin M. Maclean. With Eric Coates' Trio.

London (Knightsbridge to London Bridge).

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—A Scottish Programme. Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro. Cam

ye by Atholl; Bonnie Dundee; Battle of Killiecrankie; Death of the Chief. Pipers of the 2nd Batt The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

The Road to the Isles (Songs of the Hebrides)—arr. Kennedy-Fraser.

Greenock Male Voice Choir conducted by A. J. Gourlay.

Reels—Intro. Rachel Rae. High Road to Linto. Fight about the Bessie.

Brown's Reel. Scottish Country Dance. Orch. cond by Michael Diack.

O Whistle and I'll Come to You, My Lad (Folk Songs of Scotland)—Stephen & Burnett). Margaret Barrett (Soprano) with Piano.

Medley of Scottish Airs—Intro. The Highlander; My love she's but a lassie yet; The Persevering Lovers.

My faithful fair one. Pipers of the 2nd Batt The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders.

Deil's Awa' Wi' Th' Excelsior. The Piper O' Dundee. Alexander Carmichael (Baritone) with Piano.

Bonnie Scotland—Intro. Stop yer tickling, Jock; Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomond. Four leaf Shamrock.

Roaming in the Gloaming. Keep right on to the end of the road. She is ma Daisy. Ye banks and braes.

I love a lassie; Comin' thro' the Rye. Auld Lang Syne. New Mayfair Orchestra.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

5.45 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.30 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 p.m.—A Mozart Programme. Concerto in G Major—Adagio. Ye-hudi Menuhin (Violin) w. Piano acc.

O Isis and Osiris (from "The Magic Flute")—Ivar Andresen (Bass) with Orchestra.

Serenade in C Minor—1st Mov. Allegro; 2nd Mov. Andante; 3rd Mov. Minuetto in Canone & Trio. Arthur Fiedler's Sinfonietta.

Grant O Love (from "The Marriage of Figaro")—Tiana Lemnitz (Soprano) with Orchestra.

7.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Meet Uncle Sam". Edwin Murrow interviews Alastair Cook.

7.30 p.m.—Rossini—"William Tell" Ballet Music. Sadler's Wells Orchestra conducted by Constant Lambert.

7.44 p.m.—Eileen Joyce at the Piano. Etude de concert in F minor (Liszt); Etude de concert in A Flat major (Paul de Schlozer); Lotus Land and Danse Negre (Cyril Scott); Tarentella in A Minor (Harry Farjeon).

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

8.02 p.m.—Tangos.

A Song Without Words: Venetian Night—Emil Roesz & His Orch.

Supplicio: Yo Sere Como Tu Quieras....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

8.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

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POLICE JOBS FOR WOMEN?

Clerical work for police forces is likely to be taken over by women to release constables for more important duties.

The women will be paid the normal defence workers' weekly wage of £2 3s. They will not be engaged as police officers and will not receive police training.

Such tasks as car-driving, radio-operating and teleprinting will in future be done by women if the scheme is put into effect.

The plan will shortly be outlined in Parliament by the Home Secretary.

Last August all police authorities in England and Wales were informed that the great need for more police officers, coupled with increased work due to the war, made it inadvisable that large numbers of trained men with full police powers should continue on duties which could be undertaken by intelligent women.

They were asked to make an immediate survey of the position in their own districts; to inquire into the practicability of the large-scale employment of women auxiliaries, and to submit their own views on the proposal.

Most police districts have now completed their reports.

It is estimated that the large-scale employment of women auxiliaries would release between 2,000 and 3,000 policemen for effective duties.

with Piano. Vocal Two Little Doodle Bugs (Friend & Tobias) ... Arthur Askey with Orchestra

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

9.15 p.m.—London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 p.m.—Heddie Nash (Tenor) and Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Waltzes—Morning Papers (J. Strauss); Du und Du (Die Fledermaus)—Strauss....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

If I Am Dreaming (from "The Du Barry"—Millocker); The Shepherd's Song (from "Helen"—Offenbach)....Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orch.

Potpouri of Waltzes (Robrecht)....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

Serenade (from "The Fair Maid of Perth"—Bizet)....Heddie Nash (Tenor) with Orchestra.

Waltzes—Viennese Singing Birds (Translature); Jollity on the Mountains (Fetras)....Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

9.45 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things"

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—I've Got My Love To Keep Me Warm (film "On the Avenue"); This Year's Kisses (film "On the Avenue")....Roy Fox & His Orchestra.

Slow Fox-Trot—Me and the Moon; Comedy Waltz—Dandelion, Daisy and Daffodil....Billy Cotton & His Band.

Fox-Trots—Let's Call The Whole Thing Off; They Can't Take That Away from Me (film "Shall we Dance")....Roy Fox & His Orch.

Quickstep—I Like Bananas; Fox-Trot—Madam Ah! La Marquise Ah!....Billy Cotton & His Band.

Tangos—Callecita De Mi Novia; Olvidame....Orquesta Tipica Francisco Canaro.

Slow Fox-Trot—Hypnotized; Waltz—Three Minutes of Heaven....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—The Spider and the Fly; Howdy, Cloudy Morning?...Nat Gonella & His Georgians.

Quickstep—Don't Say Goodbye....Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

11.00 p.m.—Close down.

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Sarah certainly had left William Bendish after less than a year of marriage but on looking him up some eight years after, she decided she would win him back. Marriage, though handicapped by the fact that Sarah and William were still married, was equally determined to become the second Mrs. Bendish.

The story of William's misadventures and of how Sarah eventually extricated him from them to the satisfaction of every one forms the plot of A. A. Milne's brilliant comedy "Sarah Simple" which will be produced by the A.D.C. at the China Fleet Club Theatre on March 19, 20, 21, and 22 with a cast which includes Sheila Mackinlay, Claude Burgess, Day Sage, Joan Critchett, Tim Fortescue and E. W. Kirby.

Early booking is advised as the Theatre is already almost booked to capacity for 21 and 22 and the A. D. C. look forward to an attendance which will enable them to add a further substantial contribution to the sum of \$5,610 which they have already subscribed to the Bomber Fund and the B. W. O. F.

DULL DAY ON STOCK EXCHANGE

The London Stock Exchange was mostly dull yesterday. Gift-edged securities were steady to firm and India stocks met some late buying. Industrials were widely marked down, especially Austin Motor and British Aluminium, on reduced dividends. Kaffirs were firmly held. Among foreign issues there was some buying of Brazilians. Wall Street was quiet. — Reuter.

THAILAND AND MOSCOW

The Thailand Minister to Moscow called on M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Commissar, yesterday and exchanged Notes establishing diplomatic relations between Thailand and the Soviet. M. Molotov later gave a luncheon in honour of the Thailand Minister. — Reuter.

INDUSTRIAL TRAINING PLAN

The second batch of Indian candidates for training in industrial workshops in England, shortly to be selected, will consist of 50, of whom 10 will be selected from the Madras Presidency and native states in south India. — Reuter.

INDIA'S ITALIAN PRISONERS

The Government of India has hitherto agreed to accommodate 44,000 Italian prisoners in India. In addition to the camps at Ramgarh and Bangalore, with a total capacity of 36,000, a third camp is

NAZI WEALTH FINDS LOOPHOLE IN RATIONS

(By A Correspondent)

THE GERMAN PRESS, in a period in which there is a lull in big news, has preoccupied itself with discussion of the food situation in Britain.

It has made heavy capital of reports of inequalities in the British rationing system. Behind this attitude is the task which the Reich faces of making wartime rations palatable to a Nation which, in peace, enjoyed eating well and freely.

Any system of rationing in a country as large as Germany is bound to develop loopholes which permit of privilege and petty forms of bribery. But on the whole the rationing system has functioned to produce a relatively rigid equality of food for all of the people within those categories of food which are subject to rationing.

Ration Cards Required

During nearly a year of residence in wartime Germany, the writer never has obtained butter or meat without the appropriate ration cards. No Berlin restaurant would dare serve rationed items without collecting cards, in fact the waiter does not transmit the order to the kitchen without first having obtained the card. Care is taken, when staples are short, to see to it that shops in working-class sections are supplied with enough to meet the ration requirements of the district. During last winter's cold spell potatoes were more plentiful in working-class sections than in upper-class areas. However, this does not mean that the possession of surplus money goes entirely unrewarded at the table.

Actually, there are three categories of food in Germany:

1. Rationed staples.
2. Scarce staples which are doled out according to number whenever your number comes up.
3. Unrestricted luxuries where the old economic law of supply and demand is allowed to operate.

Possession of unlimited money can do relatively little in the first category, but in the second and third it can work wonders. In fact visitors arriving from the outside world get an impression from their ability to subsist in these second two categories that Germany is a land of opulence.

Household As Unit

The second category covers fish and fowl. For the ordinary German being established at Bhopal, with a capacity of 9,000. — Reuter.

man housewife prices of these have become astronomical. For these items a household is registered as a unit and given a number. I recently examined a card for a household of two persons. During the last five months these two obtained smoked fish twice, no fresh fish, fowl once.

Their fowl consisted of one wing of a turkey and a small piece of breast. But the numbered turn does not apply to hotels and restaurants. The expensive ones, at high prices of course, serve fresh fish, chicken, duck, and goose most of the time. I can be practically certain of finding a pheasant somewhere in Berlin any night of the week providing I am willing to pay the price.

The third category of high-priced luxuries is wide open for the man with money. Lobster, pate de foie gras, and oysters are plentiful at the expensive restaurants. Caviar was plentiful at 15 marks (nominally \$6) a portion until November when it disappeared. Perhaps the new Russian trade treaty will bring it back. But the prices are fabulous. An American with two guests indulged in caviar in the days when it existed. The rest of the meal was simple but the cost to him, even at the registered mark rate, was \$70. A lobster can cost as much as 30 marks.

However, use of these facilities for eating well without the benefit of ration cards is limited and relatively inconspicuous. I know of only 10 places in Berlin where the luxuries can be found invariably. They are shunned by persons in prominent positions.

How To Beat Rations

A less expensive way to eat is to live in the country or on a farm. Persons who take their holidays in remote rural districts report that the importance of food cards diminishes in inverse ratio to the mileage from the big cities. Small mountain resort towns are well patronised this season, in fact reservations had to be made months in advance.

The best way of all to eat well in Germany is to earn the right, through service to the National Socialist Party or to the armed forces, to a permit for one of the occupied countries. Last winter the most prized was a permit to Prague, Czechoslovakia, which still was bursting then with the fruit of pre-war prosperity. To-day Paris still ranks first with the Netherlands a close second. Even permits for Norway and Poland are prized as places where German money at mandatory rates of exchange can work wonders in uncovering luxuries now beyond the reach of the native population.

Generally speaking the advantages which exist are rewards to the faithful, according to Party standards. Since either the retention of inherited wealth or the acquisition of new wealth is increasingly a matter of Party policy, good things outside the orbit of rationing become both a reward and an incentive to Party loyalty.

One can live, even in Berlin, without using food cards at all. But to possess enough money to do so usually means that one is "right" with the right people. Inherited wealth in the hands of someone with "wrong" political views tends to find its way into the Nazi Party's "winter relief" fund or a Hitler Youth swimming pool. Even if a faithful Party servant has not found the money to eat lobster and pate de foie gras at public restaurants, his position usually admits him to clubs where the second category of chicken, fish, and goose are available at reasonable prices.

All this shows how under National Socialism the basis of privilege has shifted.

SHIP'S BIG LOSS OF CIGARETTES

THAT \$10,000 WORTH OF CIGARETTES HAVE BEEN STOLEN FROM A BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE SHIP AT HOLT'S WHARF DURING THE LAST THREE DAYS, WAS MENTIONED BEFORE MR. D. J. N. ANDERSON, AT KOWLOON THIS MORNING, WHEN CHAN YIN, 27, CARPENTER, WAS CHARGED WITH STEALING A TIN OF "STATE EXPRESS" CIGARETTES.

On leaving the wharf yesterday, accused was searched and the cigarettes were found in his jacket pocket. He admitted he had stolen the tin from the ship.

Sergeant Galvin said that the Company was anxious to press the case because of the heavy scale of the losses.

Accused was fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour.

NO EVIDENCE OFFERED

Wong Fat, 35, charged with wounding Pun Yau-kwan, 19, in Kowloon on March 7, was discharged by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at Kowloon this morning when Det.-Sgt. Bethell said that the police were not able to offer evidence against accused.

Mr. J. M. D'Almada Remedios appeared for defendant.

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INEFFICIENCY OF SOCCER REFEREES IS ALLEGED

Council Upholds Referees' Decision On Facts

Eastern Leaving For Manila Soon

THE ALLEGED inefficiency of some referees and the general low standard of refereeing in the Colony at present was the subject of much discussion at the monthly meeting of the Council of the Hong Kong Football Association held yesterday evening in the Association's offices.

THE UPSHOT was that the Referees' sub-committee augmented by the appointment of Captain R. E. Guest, Lieut. H. S. Cooper, R.N. and Mr. H. K. Lee were asked to go into the matter and report to the Council.

The primary cause of this, was a protest from Kwong Wah on the handling of the Senior shield game between Kwong Wah and Eastern recently.

The letter stated that Kwong Wah was dissatisfied with the handling of the game and the adverse result to them was not nearly so much due to inferior play or ability as to very poor refereeing. It further stated that they were penalised to the advantage of their opponents and in this connection, quoted three incidents, but added that they were not suggesting that the referee was biased.

Mr. Hollands said that a referee's decisions on the laws of the game were final and whatever his decisions were they cannot be over-ruled.

Mr. C. Gunningham proposed that the result of the game should stand as the complaints were on points of fact and the referee's decision was final.

Capt. R. E. Guest pointed out that the Council, as a committee, should see that a game was being properly conducted and suggested that the manager of a team should if he thought a referee not an efficient official, appeal before the start of the game, but once the referee took the field, he was very much one of the players and his decision could not be altered.

The proposal that the result should stand was put to the vote and was passed.

After the ordinary business had been dealt with the matter was again discussed.

Mr. Hollands suggested that the matter be referred to the Referee sub-committee for inquiry and to report to the Council.

Mr. H. K. Lee (Sing Tao) then referred to the report of the last Emergency sub-committee which dismissed a charge laid by a referee against Soong Ling-song (Sing Tao) for violent conduct for want of proof. He pointed out that it was a grave matter for a first class referee to lose control of himself and to accuse a player of violent conduct, and asked the Association to look into the matter.

Mr. Lee pointed out that the game was played at a time when the championship was in the balance and a very important player of Sing Tao was sent off. The actual result was a draw and Sing Tao lost a very valuable point. He added that he only brought the matter up in view of the other report before the Council.

Reports Welcomed

Mr. R. M. Omar (St. Joseph's) pointed out that at the start of the

HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

GOVERNOR'S CUP COMPETITION (SECOND GAME)

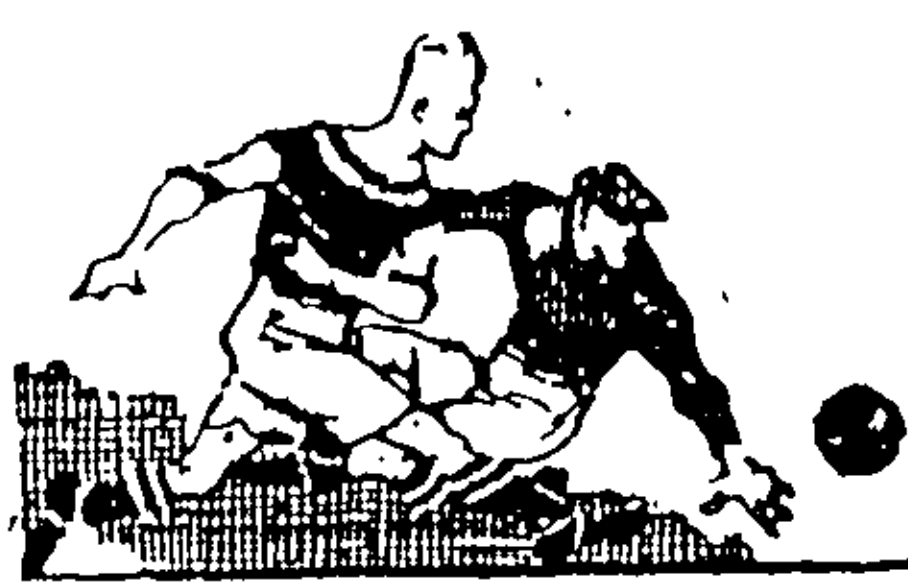
SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 1941

Football Association v Chinese Federation.

Navy Ground, 3.30 p.m.

Prices of admission:—Covered stand (Reserved seats)—\$1.10, Uncovered stand—55 cents and End-stands—35 cents (including tax).

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season he suggested that clubs, having complaints, should make these in writing to the association. He, as a member of the Referee sub-committee and as a referee would welcome any written complaints rather than have verbal remarks and insinuations passed.

Mr. Lee suggested that as the task before the sub-committee would be a tremendous one certain members of the Council be co-opted to deal with the matter.

An application by Eastern to leave the Colony for Manila was granted. They proposed to leave on March 26 and return by April 8.

ARMY HELD BY NAVY

At Caroline Hill yesterday, Army were held to a goalless draw by Navy in the second game of the Kotewall Charity Cup competition but the latter team had several scoring chances early in the game and in the closing stages.

The outstanding player in the Navy defence was O'Regan, who kicked and tackled well. The defences of both sides had a good hold on the opposing forwards with the result that neither goalkeeper was seriously troubled.

Army had the stronger intermediate-line in which Bright shone, while he was given good support by Birrell and Freshwater.

For the greater part of the game Army was on the offensive but the stout resistance of the Navy backs and faulty shooting prevented a score.

Duffield, on the left-wing, was seen in some good movements and on one occasion Roughley spoiled a good movement of his.

After the interval Navy improved and kept on pressure and though Hendy went through several times he shot wide. Fox had only Giff to beat near the end but he shot weakly and Giff cleared. Soon after the goalkeeper did well to save a shot from Birrell and later from Weir.

ARMY — Bankier, Naysmith, Fraser, Birrell, Bright, Freshwater, Munroe, Fox, Hossack, Weir, Duffield.

NAVY — Giff, Roughley, O'Regan, Paul, Hazard, Hawkins, Anderson, Le Page, Hendy, Barber, Skinner.

In a Third Division soccer encounter between the Royal Corps of Signals and the 38th Royal Artillery, played at Sookunpoo yesterday, the former won 2-1.

SHIELD DRAW

Following is the draw for the Semi-finals of the Shield Competitions:

SENIOR	
Eastern	v Navy
St. Joseph's	v South China
JUNIOR	
Service Corps	v Navy
Sing Tao	v South China

'S.H.' Cup Final Team

The final of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, between England and Scotland, will take place at the Boundary Street ground on Sunday, March 30. It was decided at the monthly Council meeting of the H.K.F.A. yesterday.

The following have been selected to represent England:

Reynolds (R.A.O.C.); Roughley (Navy), Freshwater (Middlesex); Pope (Police), Bright (Middlesex); Thomas (Middlesex), Fowler (Club); Le Page (Navy), Hendy (Navy), Saw (Middlesex) and Marable (Middlesex).

Reserves:—Moxham (R.E.), Parker (Middlesex), Britt (Navy), Parker (Police), Forrow (Club), Fox (R.E.), Barber (Navy) and Coomer (Middlesex).

TAMAR BATSMEN IN FORM

The complete domination of the Tamar batsmen over a Combined eleven from R.A.O.C. and R.A.P.C. was the feature of a friendly cricket match played at Sookunpoo yesterday. Tamar won by 93 runs.

Chief scorers for Tamar were Whiteside, Boyes, West and Hopkins, while Stonor batted well for the Combined XI.

TAMAR	
Whiteside, run out	38
Boyes, c Merrick, b Pinkney	40
West, retired	64
Hopkins, b Emberson	20
Gay, b Emberson	0
Douglas, not out	11
Horgan, not out	11
Extras (W5, NB1)	6

LUGARD SCORES IN 'VARSITY ATHLETICS

WINNING THE MILE RELAY and the Javelin Throw and scoring in every other final contested yesterday, Lugard Hall ran into a long lead in the annual University inter-hostel athletic championship being decided this week at Pokfulam.

Eliot Hall and Ricci Hall claimed two first places each and Morrison won a single event, the Hop-Step-Jump. May Hall and St. John's Hall were nowhere in the picture.

The sports will be concluded on Saturday when the usual crowds of spectators will be entertained.

THE RESULTS:
Results yesterday were:
220 Yards Low Hurdles Final:—1, T. T. Chin (Eliot); 2, S. H. Liang (Ricci); 3, S. Mahmud (Lugard). Time: 28 1/5 secs.

Javelin Throw Final:—1, N. Singh (Lugard) 133 feet 0 1/2 inch; 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard) 128 feet 1 inch; 3, G. Schiller (Lugard) 120 feet 5 1/2 ins; 4, S. S. Khor (St. John's) 116 feet 7 ins.

220 Yards Semi-Final:—Heat 1: 1, W. S. Gegg (Lugard); 2, E. Mazuza (Lugard); 3, S. Mahmud (Lugard). Time: 25 secs. Heat 2: 1, S. H. Liang (Ricci); 2, J. Fenton (Morrison); 3, V. Zaitzeff (Lugard). Time: 25 secs.

One Mile Final:—1, K. K. Tan (Eliot); 2, O. V. Cheung (Morrison); 3, V. Vorobion (Lugard); 4, P. Lul (Morrison). Time: 8 mins. 43 1/5 secs.

CLUB PLAY WELL BUT GUNNERS WIN

IN A friendly Rugby game on Club ground yesterday, Combined Royal Artillery beat Club "A" by three tries (9 points) to a goal (5 points) after a scoreless first half.

Club on the whole gave a good show, and in the first half held a superior team in check besides having their share of the play.

Wright-Nooth played well in the first half as forward and in the second half was seen at back when he was prominent with his tackling.

In the forward line Olesen and Dabziel were outstanding while Dunnett hooked amazingly well and thus greatly handicapped the speedy Royal Artillery backs.

Skipwith was outstanding among the Gunners' three quarters, although more scoring might have resulted had he passed sooner on several occasions after having gained valuable ground.

Wederburn, the Army scrum-half, played in the pack and Dobbins was seen at scrum half but he did not have a very good match, excelling only on the occasion that he scored his try. Page and Bompas were prominent among the forwards.

Club opened the scoring through Carruthers who cut through and scored between the posts for Aitkenhead to convert. Gunners scored shortly after through Richards in the corner but Cook failed. Gunners were soon in the lead when Marsh scored the second try. In the closing minutes Dobbins punted ahead and secured possession to score close in. Cook failed to add further points on both occasions.

CLUB — Walkden; Didsbury Milner, Carruthers, Needham; Aitkenhead, Morgan; Dabziel, Godfrey, Olson, McEwan, Wright-Noodt, Heaseman, Dunnett and Moodie.

R.A. — Easterbrook; Marsh, Sutcliffe, Skipwith, Richards, Hook, Dobbins; Bumpers, Wedderburn, Delderfeld, Turner, Pain, Page, Cooke and McDermott.

KING'S WIN LAST MATCH

At King's Park on Monday night, King's College beat Club de Recreio by 5 games to 4 in "B" Division of the Badminton League.

King's have now qualified to play-off with Chung Wah for the championship of Section "A" of "B" Division.

S. P. Chan and W. C. Chung (King's).

beat E. A. R. Alves and P. Botelho 21-15

beat A. E. Xavier and C. C. Pereira 21-4

beat P. Yvanovich and A. E. Noronha 21-6

K. L. Lui and T. S. Ho (King's).

beat Alves and Botelho 21-13

lost to Xavier and Pereira 20-24

lost to Yvanovich and Noronha 15-21

K. J. Attwell and K. H. Lo

beat Alves and Botelho 21-14

lost to Xavier and Pereira 11-21

lost to Yvanovich and Noronha 14-21

COLONY BADMINTON

Following is to-day's Badminton Championship programme:

AT KING'S COLLEGE

Junior Singles

J. L. Anderson v H. Weng-toh (7.00 p.m.).

Senior Singles

S. Amplavarn v P. K. Hool (7.45 p.m.).

Junior Doubles

T. S. Young and D. Chelliah and M. K. Fung v K. H. Khoo (8.30 p.m.).

St. John's v K. Tong

St. John's beat Kowloon Tong by 6 games to 3 in "B" Division of the Badminton League last night.

H. Eardley and D. Kwok (St. John's).

beat R. E. and M. S. Lee 21-8

beat F. H. Kwok and R. Lavallo 21-8

beat D. Chen and Castro 21-7

N. Smith and R. Wilson (St. John's).

beat Lee and Lee 21-17

beat Kwok and Lavallo 21-9

beat Chen and Castro 21-13

G. S. Ladd and R. Maynard (St. John's).

lost to Leo and Lee 21-24

lost to Kwok and Lavallo 18-21

lost to Chen and Castro 15-21

ST. STEPHEN'S SPORTS

St. Stephen's sports will be held at Stanley on Saturday at 2.10 p.m. Mrs. W. M. Shiu will distribute the prizes.

TENNIS TOURNEY PROGRAMME

Following is the programme for next week for the Open Tennis championships and Club events. Numbers in brackets denote court on which the game will be played.

MONDAY

OPEN SINGLES

R. E. Guest v Pang Oi Lam (3).
C. Dunne v L. Shields Goodman (6).
Fung Yee-pui v Kenneth Lo (7).
Tsuai Wai-pui v O. Humphreys (8).
S. T. Chau v Wei Chung (1).

OPEN DOUBLES

J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith v I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu (5).
CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES
A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (2).
L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/6) v C. O. Shackleton and G. F. Harrison (scr.) (4).

TUESDAY

OPEN SINGLES

W. J. Howard v H. D. Runjahn (7).

OPEN DOUBLES

O. Umetani and T. Imura v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (8).
T. A. Martin and E. G. Matthias v G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (4).

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui (5).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) v L. P. Ralph (scr.) (1).

A. T. Dow (-3/6) v M. A. Bierens de Haan (scr.) (6).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-1/6) (3).

DRAW FOR H.K.C.C. TOURNEY

Following is the draw for the handicap events in the Hong Kong Cricket Club tennis tournament.

HANDICAP SINGLES

Bye—C. H. R. Oxlade (-3/6) v P. J. Elder (plus 1/6); First Round—G. Campbell (plus 2/6) v R. E. Guest (-15.1); F. W. Carter (-1/6) v V. R. Gordon (-3/6); H. Van Leeuwen (-2/6) v L. P. Ralph (plus 1/6); H. J. Armstrong (-15.5) v E. H. Brazel (-2/6); G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v S. L. Maughan (-2/6); H. C. D. Knight (-2/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6); T. J. Gould (-15.2) v D. A. Murdoch (-2/6); A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v H. E. Waller (plus 3/6); T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) v P. Wynter-Blyth (-2/6); M. A. Bierens de Haan (Scratch) v A. T. Dow (-3/6); F. D. Hunter (plus 2/6) v S. E. Lavrov (plus 2/6); J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v E. S. Hall (plus 3/6); Bye—D. S. Robb (plus 3/6) v E. R. Childe (plus 1/6).

HANDICAP DOUBLES

Byes—C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (-5/6) v E. H. Brazel and G. P. Charlton (-3/6); R. E. Guest and B. Fay (-3/6) v F. W. Carter and E. N. Thursby (-2/6); L. M. S. Lloyd and A. D. Humphreys (-3/6) v C. O. Shackleton and G. F. Harrison (scratch); First Round—H. E. Waller and E. S. Hall (plus 3/6) v R. H. Blake and H. C. D. Knight (-3/6); A. K. Mackenzie and A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) v E. R. Childe and S. L. Maughan (-2/6); H. Van Leeuwen and M. A. Bierens de Haan (-3/6) v T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould (-15.2); B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow (-5/6) v J. S. Theobald and P. J. Skipwith (-3/6); Byes—G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall (-15.1) v V. R. Gordon and M. H. Turner (-3/6); D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scratch) v N. Spence and E. Newton (-1/6); W. R. Lambert and N. D. Lloyd (-1/6) v H. J. Armstrong and P. Wynter-Blyth (-15).

MIXED HANDICAP DOUBLES

Bye—T. A. Pearce and Miss J. Armstrong (-15.2); First Round—C. H. R. Oxlade and Miss Pritchard (-4/6) v F. D. Hunter and Mrs. G. Campbell (-1/6); E. H. Brazel and Miss M. Riddle (-2/6) v J. S. Theobald and Miss D. Eardley (-15); S. L. Maughan and Miss M. Stoneham (-1/6) v A. H. Barwell and Mrs. Oxlade (-5/6); Mrs. and Mrs. D. L. Prophet (plus 1/6) v E. R. Price and Mrs. A. G. Dalziel (-3/6); V. R. Gordon and Mrs. D. B. Sinclair (-4/6) v H. C. D. Knight and Miss D. Dodwell (-3/6); Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Mackenzie (plus 1/6) v B. O'M. Deane and Miss Joan Smalley (-3/6); Bye—A. T. Dow and Mrs. Church (-3/6).

D. S. Robb and C. W. E. Bishop (scr.) v N. Spence and E. Newton (-1/6) (3).

WEDNESDAY

OPEN SINGLES

Ho Ka-lau v K. H. Ip (7).

OPEN DOUBLES

Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kam-ming v B. and I. Agafuroff (4).
G. Choa and A. V. Remedios v A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong (5).
F. H. Kwok and T. E. Ling v Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui (8).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

T. A. Pearce v C. H. R. Oxlade (2).
R. E. Guest v S. Stirling Lee (6).
CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES
T. C. Monaghan (-3/6) v A. Wynter-Blyth (-2/6) (1).
G. W. Sewell (-4/6) v S. L. Maughan (-2/6) (3).

THURSDAY

OPEN SINGLES

O. Umetani v M. Pagh (5).
C. S. Lee v A. Crawford (6).

OPEN DOUBLES

Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming (8) v H. D. and S. A. Runjahn (8).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

J. Stirling Lee (-2/6) v E. S. Hall (3/6) (2).

H. C. D. Knight (-3/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (-3/6) (7).

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

H. Van Leeuwen v G. W. S. Ewell (1).
V. R. Gordon v A. K. Mackenzie (4).

CLUB HANDICAP DOUBLES

C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell (scr.) v E. H. Brazel and C. P. Charlton (-3/6) (2).

FRIDAY

OPEN DOUBLES

W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher v Wei Chung and S. T. Chau (5).
C. H. R. Oxlade and A. H. Barwell v Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui v R. E. Guest and S. C. Fay (8).
B. O'M. Deane and A. T. Dow v W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell (4).

CLUB SINGLES

P. J. Elder v T. C. Monaghan (6).

CLUB HANDICAP SINGLES

D. S. Robb (3/6) v E. R. Childe (1/6) (1).

H. J. Armstrong (-15.3) v E. H. Brazel (-2/6) (2).

T. J. Gould (-15.3) v D. A. Murdoch (-2/6) (3).

F. D. Hunter (2/6) v S. E. Lavrov (2/6) (7).



ACCIDENT AT VALLEY

By "Rapier"

An accident, fortunately not of a serious nature, befell Mr. Moller's Russian riding boy this morning.

He took out Velvetlight for its morning exercise, and as the pony walked along towards the winning post, it suddenly became restive, taking the rider completely by surprise and unseating him. His head struck the ground, and he was stunned for

SUNDAY'S BOWLS

Following will represent Kowloon Cricket Club in a friendly Lawn Bowls match on Sunday, against Northumberland and Durham Society.

R. S. Capell, R. T. Burch, G. E. Taylor and V. C. Labrum (Skip).

A. E. Perry, S. A. Gray, R. B. Wellwood and E. C. Fincher (Skip).

A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, R. S. Meadows and W. W. Parsons (Skip).

A. E. P. Guest, F. A. Fabel, A. Steven and F. Goodwin (Skip).

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The resulting vacancies will be filled by nomination in which care will be taken to ensure that all important sections and interests of the community are adequately represented. — Reuter.

VICHY DENIAL

A denial that the French Government has placed Moroccan bases at the disposal of Germany, was contained in a Vichy broadcast yesterday. It is learned in Dublin. — Reuter.

Two cases of cholera from Victoria were notified to the health authorities on Tuesday, bringing the total since the beginning of the year to 51. There were also eight cases of dysentery.

No Serious Resistance Encountered

THE BRITISH AND IMPERIAL FORCES IN ABYSSINIA ARE SMASHING THEIR WAY BY ROAD IN LORRIES AND TRUCKS TOWARDS THE IMPORTANT CENTRE OF HARAR.

They have covered 120 miles in two days, meeting with no resistance apart from spasmodic air attacks.

Questioned on the possibility of Italian resistance at Jijiga and Harar, a military spokesman in Cairo told Reuter yesterday. "Our forces are making a back door entry. The Italians planned their defences to the north, facing Djibouti and did not expect an offensive from the south."

All round Abyssinia, British and Abyssinian patriot troops are steadily beating back the Italians.

THE ITALIANS FLEEING FROM BURYE TO DEBRAMARCOS HAVE NOT ATTEMPTED TO DEFEND THE CROSSING OF THE TEMSHA RIVER, WHERE A STAND WAS EXPECTED.

Double Thrust

In western Abyssinia, the British are making a double thrust along dusty camel tracks and through high elephant grass towards Asosa, where a strong garrison is still holding out.

Sudanese and East African troops captured Afodu escarpment, laying the way open to

Asosa, after ambushing the Italians and capturing four guns and much equipment. — Reuter.

600 Miles North Of Mogadiscio

THE IMPERIAL TROOPS ARE CONTINUING THEIR ADVANCE IN ITALIAN SOMALILAND AND HAVE OCCUPIED DAGHABUR, 600 MILES TO THE NORTH OF MOGADISCIO.

The Italian losses since the British crossing of the Juba River are now estimated at over 31,000.

Announcing these latest successes, British General Headquarters in Cairo say that in other sectors the Imperial troops are continuing their pursuit of the Italian forces retreating towards the Italian border. — Reuter.

AMERICAN AMBULANCE'S GOOD WORK

APPROXIMATELY £2,000 WEEKLY IS REQUIRED TO MEET MAINTENANCE COSTS OF THE AMERICAN AMBULANCE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

This was revealed by Mr. Gilbert Carr, acting director of the American Ambulance in Great Britain, yesterday.

This, he said, was borne entirely by subscriptions from the U.S. and American residents in Britain. Recently a donation of \$100,000 was received from the British War Relief Society of America for maintenance of a fleet of 260 motorised ambulances, surgical units and mobile first aid points.

The American Ambulance established a record recently, Mr. Gilbert Carr said, when in four hours they evacuated 428 people from a Cardiff hospital during a heavy air raid. — British Wireless.

YUGOSLAV DEFIANCE OF NAZIS

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mined at a special meeting of the Government. — Reuter.

Army Determined

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
It was denied in Belgrade yesterday that Prince Paul had summoned the Crown Council to consider the German demands for Yugoslavia's participation in the Axis.

Yugoslavian troops are being sent to the frontiers bordering Bulgaria and Rumania.

Yugoslavian army leaders have expressed their determination that the kingdom of Yugoslavia shall not become another Bulgaria.

German sources, on the other hand, express confidence that Yugoslavia will sign the Axis pact before the week is over. — International News Service.

Mr. D. M. Richards, of No. 17, Magazine Gap Road, has reported the theft of a radiator cap from his car, while it was parked outside his residence yesterday.

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SEVEN BILLIONS!

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]
CONGRESS LEADERS PREDICT THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S APPROPRIATION PROGRAMME OF SEVEN-BILLION DOLLARS WILL PASS CONGRESS WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

Fears are expressed in some quarters that the hugeness of the amount might precipitate a debate.

The Senate Minority Leader, McNary, for instance, said that the amount was excessive for one fell swoop and money should be appropriated from time to time as there was need of it.

Opinion in other quarters is that the measure will be passed

NEW A.A. DEFENCE?

When attempting to raid Britain last night Nazi raider was shot down in flames.

In the London area a tremendous barrage was heard on several occasions. Veterans of the last war compare the thunderous rumb with artillery land barrages then used.

As nothing like it has been heard before in raids on Britain, it is possible that yet another development in the ground defences is indicated. — Reuter.

without opposition. — International News Service.

STOP PRESS

It was learned this afternoon that His Excellency the Governor, Sir Geoffrey Northcote, will arrive earlier than was expected this morning.

His official landing at Queen's Pier will take place at about 4 p.m.



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